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DEATH OF QUEEN OF SWEDEN.

LENGTHY SUFFERING FROM CHEST TROUBLE.

DEMISE IN ITALY.

Rome, Apr. 4.

The death took place to-day, at her villa in Rome, of Her Majesty Queen Victoria of Sweden. The Queen had been at her villa here for a long time suffering from chest trouble.

Her Majesty was born at Karlsruhe, Germany on August 7, 1862. Her father was the Grand Duke Friedrich the First of Baden, who died in 1907, and her mother was the Princess Luise of Prussia, daughter of Kaiser Wilhelm the the First. Her only brother is the former Grand Duke Friedrich the Second of Baden.

On September 20, 1881, she was married at Karlsruhe to the then Crown Prince of Sweden, now King

Gustav V. It was on December 8, 1907, that she ascended the Swedish Throne with him. There are two sons of the marriage, the Crown Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden and Prince William of Sweden.

The Queen was much attached to native Baden and until the revolution in 1918 was a frequent visitor to Karlsruhe. In 1923, she lost her mother. Of recent years her health has been bad and she has spent much time in the south. After several months, at Capri and Heidelberg, she returned to Sweden at the end of June, 1926, but had to remain in bed for practically the whole journey and on her arrival at Solliden Castle she was reported to be suffering from heart attacks.

Although her health subsequently improved, it still gave rise to anxiety and in September, as the doctors considered it impossible for her to remain in Sweden during the winter, she was advised to leave immediately for some health resort in the south.—*Reuter and I. B. S.*

CHINA'S MINISTER TO MEXICO.

MR. LI LU-CHAO LEAVES CANTON.

Canton, Apr. 4.

Mr. Li Lu-chao left here yesterday for Nanking via Hongkong, en route for Mexico City, where he will proceed immediately to take up his new appointment as Minister of the Nationalist Government.

Mr. Li Lu-chao has already enjoyed a varied diplomatic career. Until recently he has been Magistrate of the Chung Shan Model District in Kwangtung. He is a graduate of the Indiana University and on his return from the United States several years ago was Secretary to Dr. Sun Yat-sen. He was later Minister of Finance to the Kwangtung Provincial Government and has also been Chief of the Departments of Industry, of Commerce and of Overseas Chinese Affairs in this Province at different times in his career. He is a Director of the Whampoa Development Company and of the *Canton Gazette*, of which paper he was editor some years ago.

A large number of Government officials and friends gathered at the wharf yesterday and accorded him a rousing send-off.

Mr. Li Lu-chao will succeed Mr. Frank Lee as Minister to Mexico, the latter having lately taken up his appointment as Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Nationalist Government at Nanking. —*Our Own Correspondent.*

The death of a prisoner of the Laichikok Gaol who had been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment under the Banishment Ordinance on September 24, 1929, was investigated by Mr. Whyte Smith and a jury, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The deceased, according to Dr. K. H. Uttley, medical officer of the Prison, died of consumption. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

NANKING ACCEPTS CHALLENGE.

WAR SHORTLY TO BE DECLARED.

EARLY ATTACKS ON REBELS DECIDED ON.

CHIANG BELLICOSE.

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

A declaration of war against the Shansi-Kuominchun allied forces by the National Government is in the course of preparation, following a decision reached at the conference of the Nanking State Council this morning.

It was pointed out at the meeting that the Peking declarations stating that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan had assumed the posts of Commander-in-Chief and Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Anti-Nanking allied forces and the fact that the Shansi-Kuominchun allies were fast approaching Tsinanfu were ample evidence of the reactionary movement by the Northern militarists.

Chiang Determined.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was most emphatic at the meeting, declaring that it was imperative to declare war against the Kuominchun-Shansi rebels.

After the Conference the Nanking Military Command circularised telegrams to all Nanking Divisional Commanders along the Tientsin-Pukow and Peking-Hankow Railways ordering them to prepare for attacks on the rebels.

Troops Massing.

Nanking military intelligence reports from Honan state that over 50,000 Kuominchun rebels are concentrating at Kaifeng.

Large contingents of Shansi forces are massing in Western Shantung and Kweiteh, and these are likely to attack Shantung from two directions, while the task of engaging the Nanking Government forces in Honan has been entrusted to the Kuominchun Army at Kaifeng and Chengchow.

Tsinan Arrests.

Martial law, which was enforced at Tsinanfu for some days, continues, and the police have arrested many suspects believed to be plain clothes Shansi troops who had secretly entered the city to overthrew the pro-Nanking Government.

Madame Feng Yu-hsiang and her children arrived at Peking yesterday. Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is understood to have left Chengchow for Hsunchang, an important conclave with Marshal Yen Hsi-shan having been arranged to take place at Chengchow.

Order For Yen's Arrest.

Nanking, Apr. 4.

The State Council at a meeting this morning decided to dismiss Yen Hsi-shan from all his posts, and to order his arrest. A Mandate ordering his arrest is expected to be issued to-night.

Chiang Kai-shek is leaving for Hsuchowfu within five days.—*Reuter.*

TORY POLICY FOR NEXT ELECTION.

SAFEGUARDING AND UNITY OF THE EMPIRE.

NO FOOD TAX VOTE.

London, April 4.

Safeguarding and economic unity of the Empire were proclaimed by Mr. Stanley Baldwin at a Primrose League gathering in the Albert Hall as the planks of the Conservative Party at the next election. The party, he said, had never lost protection as the ideal.

Giving an instance of the attitude of the Government as regards Colonial sugar, he said that Mr. Snowden's view that sugar and preferential duties might go was directly contrary to the Conservative opinion.

If the Dominions showed they wanted something in return which was obtainable by the taxation of foreign foodstuffs, the Conservatives, when next in office, would submit a treaty for a clear cut and popular referendum.

He emphasised that the country would not be asked to vote upon food taxes at the next election. Mr. Baldwin declared that the party was united on the policy as stated at the Hotel Cecil on month 4 when he said.—

"We must wed Imperial policy with domestic policy. I remain unwilling to ask Britons to give any vote on the question of food taxes, unless and until they know exactly what is involved, and what they may be going to get in exchange."—*Reuter.*

HELPING BRITISH INDUSTRY.

PROSPECT OF FURTHER AID BY BANKS.

REAL CO-OPERATION.

London, Apr. 4.

In the course of a debate on unemployment in the House of Commons, Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour in the late Conservative Government, suggested as a reserve measure that the selling of British goods on the instalment system might be developed in non-European countries.

He pointed out that where the instalment system was developed there was an enormous extension of sales, and in some European markets the system was only in its infancy.

Sir Arthur also pointed out that while the price of British goods was sometimes higher than those of competitors, British goods credit was cheaper in this country than abroad. Could not this cheapness of credit be used to offset dearness in price?

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister-in-Charge of Unemployment, said undoubtedly there were distinct advantages in cheap money, and he assured Sir Arthur Steel Maitland that that side of the question was not being ignored.

Referring to a statement made in the Press that a company with a capital of £6,000,000 was being formed under the auspices of the Bank of England to help industry, Mr. Thomas said this was a great feature. He could, however, inform the House that he was taking steps to implement the speech which he recently made at Manchester, in which he announced that financial authorities were co-operating to find necessary money to assist industries. He would take the earliest opportunity of taking the country and Parliament into its confidence in what he believed would be a real development in the relationship of trade and finance. Mr. Thomas added that steps had already been taken to have a proper examination of the matter.

He mentioned that under the recent extension of unemployment insurance, many people had enjoyed benefit who were not entitled to it. They included hundreds of thousands of married women who had not been employed for 8 or 10 years and who temporarily swelled the unemployment figures.—*British Wireless.*

NEW AUSTRALIAN TAXES.

A FEAR THAT SHIPS WILL STOP RUNNING.

CONCERN EXPRESSED.

Melbourne, Apr. 4.

While the local motor car and whisky traders particularly welcome the new Customs regulations, shipowners state that many ships will inevitably cease running to Australia, and Australia may be seriously embarrassed to find shipping for her primary produce.—*Reuter.*

Sensation Caused.

Sydney, Apr. 4.

The announcement of the Government's tariff proposals has caused a widespread sensation. The general opinion is that the new measures prohibiting the importation of certain luxuries ought quickly to adjust the unsatisfactory overseas trade position, but meanwhile will considerably increase unemployment in the distributing trades.

A Canberra message states that Mr. Scullin replying to Mr. Latham, former Minister for Industry, in the House of Representatives, said the Government's present intention was to ration items by proclamation, but alterations might be effected later by taking off some lines and putting on others.

Proclamation Issued.

Following Mr. Scullin's announcement yesterday, a detailed Customs proclamation has been issued prohibiting the importation of a long list of articles including confectionery, eggs, dried fruits (except dates and figs), liquid preserved fruits, cocoanut and peanut butter, pickles, sauces, chutney, furs and skins partly or wholly made up, and rugs (except floor rugs);

The following are rationed to the extent of fifty per cent. of last year's imports.—Potable spirits, manufactured tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, and locomotives.

The following are similarly rationed, and are also liable to a fifty per cent. super tax.—All other beers, porter, cider, spirituous perry, perfumed spirits, bay rum, wines (including unfermented grape wine), vermouth, matches and vestas.—*Reuter.*

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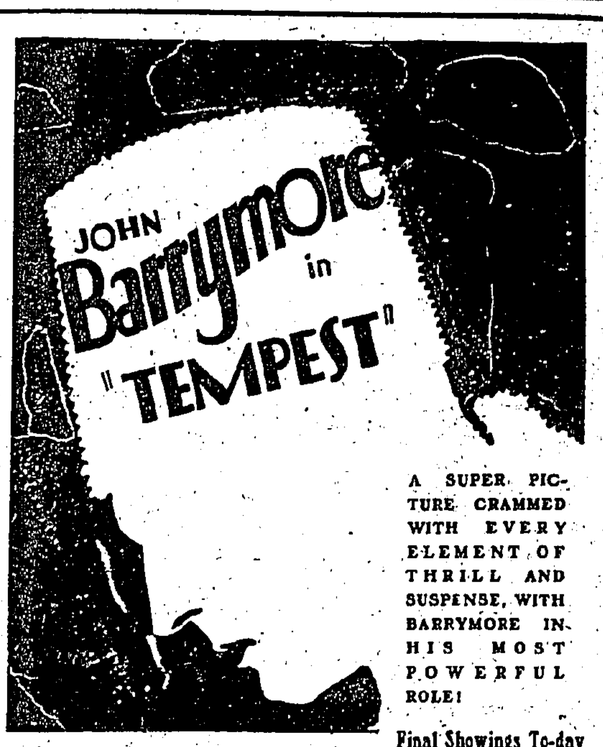

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LOCAL LECTURE ON ITS ACTIVITIES.

The Rev. Mr. W. W. Rogers lectured on "The League of Nations" at the Helena May Institute, Kowloon branch, last night.

He explained how his interest in the League's work was first induced by a visit to the League of Nations Union in London prior to his coming out to Hongkong, and by subsequent enrolment in the membership of the Union. The material on which he now addressed his audience was prepared from information contained in the Union's publications.

After dealing with the origin of the League of Nations, the speaker went on to recount the activities of the organization during the ten years of its existence, and the notable performances which it had achieved under the headings of political disputes, boundary questions, repatriation of refugees, international financial rehabilitation, social and humanitarian services, such as have been discharged in connexion with dreaded epidemics, and so forth.

Referring to the success which the League had in the past attained when it dealt with currency problems in two European countries, the speaker suggested that when the problem of the Hongkong dollar had baffled all local ingenuity to solve it, we might be well advised to take it to the League!

The lecturer concluded on an optimistic note in his review of the work of the League, and expressed a hope for the formation of a local League of Nations Union.

BANDIT OUTRAGES IN YUNNAN.

VICTIMS BURNED IN OIL AND ROASTED.

Shanghai, Apr. 4.

Terrible stories are to hand from the most reliable sources, of bandit outrages in Yunnan Province. In one small town several well-to-do persons, who would not or could not pay the sums demanded of them, had their hands bandaged with pieces of cloth, secured above their heads and soaked in paraffin, then set alight to and burned like a torch to cinders. One banker committed suicide to avoid this torture.

On the outskirts of Shanghai, bandits with painted faces are attacking farm houses and torturing the inmates if the loot is not worth while. Among the examples is one in which a farmer was placed in an iron pan and roasted over the fire till seriously injured. In another case a farmer's wife was treated in the same way, and badly burned about the breasts and abdomen.—*Reuter.*

THE "TSING MING."

THOUSANDS OF CHINESE LEAVE HERE.

The Chinese Tsing Ming Festival is being celebrated to-day and thousands of Chinese pilgrims will be visiting the cemeteries at Happy Valley, Aberdeen and in the New Territories. For three days there has been a continuous exodus of Chinese leaving for their native districts, via Canton.

River steamers and the railway have been doing big business for the past three days, and, to facilitate the travellers, the management of the Canton-Kowloon Railway ran a special train, leaving Kowloon at 8.50 each morning.

The Kowloon Railway Station was packed with Chinese yesterday when it is estimated by an official of the railway that no fewer than from three to four thousand Chinese must have departed by the two morning expresses and a slow train for Canton. The crowd was so big at one time that the railway officials had to telephone to the Water Police asking for extra Police services to maintain order.

About 1,500 more pilgrims left on the afternoon express while some hundreds had to be turned away on account of lack of accommodation.

Police Protection.

To ensure the safety of the pilgrims the Canton Government, according to messages from Canton, have instructed special Police to patrol the Canton suburbs from the 4th to 14th instant to prevent activities by bandits.

A nasty incident, which might have resulted in the loss of many lives, occurred on the Canton River on Wednesday afternoon, when the Chan Chuen, towboat, carrying hundreds of Tsing Ming holiday visitors to the country, collided with the Tai On towboat, plying between Canton and the Tai Leung District.

The Chan Chuen towboat was badly damaged by the collision, necessitating her return to Canton for repairs. The other towboat accompanied the damaged vessel back to Canton to ensure her safety during the voyage.

JEAN ROUSSEAU.

A TRAGIC YOUTH AND AMAZING MANHOOD.

"The early years of Jean Jacques Rousseau" was the subject of an instructive lecture at the University by Mr. H. G. Hughes on Thursday evening, when he gave a graphic description of Rousseau's tragic experiences as a young man. He said in part:

Born of Calvinist stock in 1712, Rousseau spent his childhood in Geneva under the care first of his father and then his uncle. At the age of twelve he was apprenticed to an engraver, was unhappy in this pursuit for two years, and ran away to Turin and was there converted to Catholicism. For the greater part of twelve years he dwelt with a fellow-convert, Mme. de Warens, but occasionally an ungovernable wanderlust possessed him. He left her in 1740, and became a wanderer for more than a decade during which he gained bitter experiences of life. He entered into an unhappy partnership with Therese de la Vasseur, by whom he thought he had five children, but not one of them did he ever see.

In every occupation he found little success and little happiness, and by degrees became confirmed in a hatred of society and a longing for solitude and tranquillity such as he had known with Mme. de Warens. Ten years after he had parted from her, his first important work was published, and in the following decade he gave the world the works, which, for better or for worse, have deeply influenced its thought to the present day. He was then fifty.

Thenceforth, though not unproductive, he was a spent force. A tragic decline set in, and after 1766 it is now generally admitted that he was partially insane. He died in extreme misery in 1778 at the age of 66, some say by his own hand, and was buried near Paris. Sixteen years later, amid the frenzied toil of the great social and political upheaval with which his name will ever be identified, his body was brought in triumph to Paris and reinterred.

Early Influences.

Examining Rousseau's early life, Mr. Hughes said that after he had been brought up on certain lines by his father and thence by his uncle, who tried, rather unsuccessfully to teach him mathematics and Latin, the time came for him to choose a career. He wished to become a minister of the Church, but his family could not afford to support him. As he felt no inclination to embrace his father's craft of watchmaking, it was decided to send him as clerk to a lawyer's office. In three months he had to leave for he was found utterly unsuitable. They then bound him apprentice to an engraver. The work was not without fascination for Rousseau and he kept at it for about two years. It contains few of the sensational extravagances typical of other periods of his life, and there is a tendency to underestimate its importance. We have to remind ourselves that these were the years of his early adolescence, and that in their course influences were brought to bear on him that made a lasting impression. By day he endured the monotony that goes hand in hand with hackwork: in his leisure time he associated with youths little calculated to bring out the good in him. He became in a small way, a liar and a thief, but one could not find evidence of any glaring divergence from the usual reaction of youths unfortunate enough to be condemned to live in a depressing urban environment.

Month by month his unhappiness increased until one evening, returning late from one of the country walks that were his delight, he found the city gates closed against him. He was seized with panic, and rather than face next morning the ferocity of a tyrannical master he bade farewell to his old life and went out to meet the unknown terrors of the open road.

A Fellow Convert.

Employment was found him, but he failed to make good and was compelled to leave Turin. He went to Annecy in Savoy, and was befriended by a fellow convert, Mme. de Warens, under whose wing he was destined to spend the greater part of the next ten years.

Referring to the strange intimacy of these two, Mr. Hughes said of Rousseau:

He returned to her (Mme. de Warens) and immediately there began an intimacy which for strangeness has few equals even in the 18th Century. Both were eccentric, sensitive and deeply religious: both had left Protestant homes and were now rather uncertainly finding a place for themselves in the Catholic fold: they were in it, but hardly of it. The gods were indeed at their merriest when they brought these two together, and to this day their relationship has been the happy hunting-ground of the indecently curious as well as the unfeelingly scientific. I make no pretence to be able to give an adequate account of this relationship, much less to explain it. It would be a mere waste of time for any but the specialist in abnormal psychology to attempt to solve so complicated a problem.

Of the two, the lecturer contended, Rousseau was by far the saner and more attractive. The lady begins by puzzling, and ends by disgusting us. She gave Jacques a room in her house and set about educating him. For six months he endured a regular course of instruction with a view to entering the church. The attempt was given up for it was reported of him that he was "a boy of little wit, without ideas, almost without knowledge."

Subsequently Rousseau took to the road again, and returned to his father and asked for his forgiveness. The father was no stickler for fine points, but he could offer no forgiveness to a son who had so literally sold country and faith for a mess of potage. Otherwise why bear the patriarchal name of Isaac?

He attempted to live by his wits but failed, and again appealed to his unrelenting father, and finally after much tragedy had passed his way, was installed in a cottage by Mme. de Warens, where he entered into his studies, and for the first time since his childhood and the last time before his first writings appeared, devoted himself seriously to systematic reading. The phase lasted nearly four years, and must be regarded as of the utmost importance in the story of his intellectual development.

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THE DRAMA, NEW AND OLD.

MRS. P. E. BARKER'S VERY INTERESTING LECTURE.

Mrs. P. E. Barker, M.A., drew an interesting comparison between the drama of the Elizabethan era and plays of modern times when she delivered a lecture entitled "Plays, New and Old" in the Union Assembly Room of the University last night.

She dwelt at some length on the faults that could be found in even the best of olden plays, and showed how modern ones have been improved, giving instances of the works of such dramatists as Galsworthy, Somerset Maugham and Ibsen.

Modern audiences, went on the lecturer, demanded coherence of time and characters which are true to life, but the audience of the Elizabethan era was not so critical, being satisfied with crude disguises and settings. At this period we wanted, more than anything else, reality and stark naked truth.

Referring to tragedies in olden drama, Mrs. Barker said bloodshed was very common and played a great part in most olden plays. The more blood was shed the more tragic the play was considered to be. It was also necessary for the players to soliloquise in order that the audience should realise that grief or any other emotions were being registered. In modern plays, only a few words or few gestures were necessary to do that.

She recommended the audience to see Sheriff's play "Journey's End," which will be staged in Hongkong in a few days, and said that all interested in modern plays should see this famous drama.

In conclusion, Mrs. Barker said she was not condemning olden plays or over-praising modern ones. Some olden dramatists have turned out really good plays, but it could not be denied, she went on, that modern plays are, on the whole, better constructed and superior to the olden-day ones.

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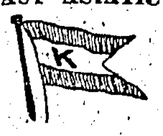

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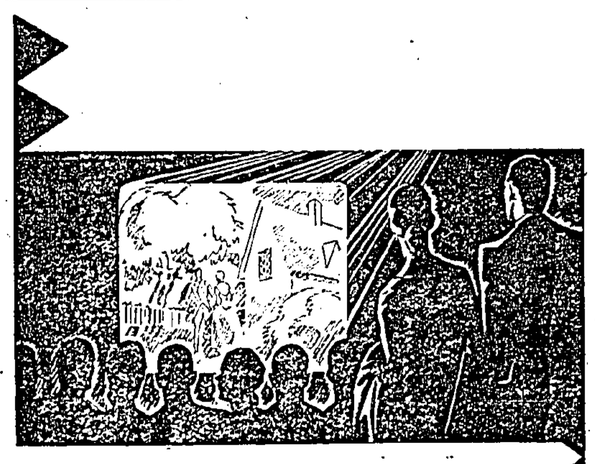

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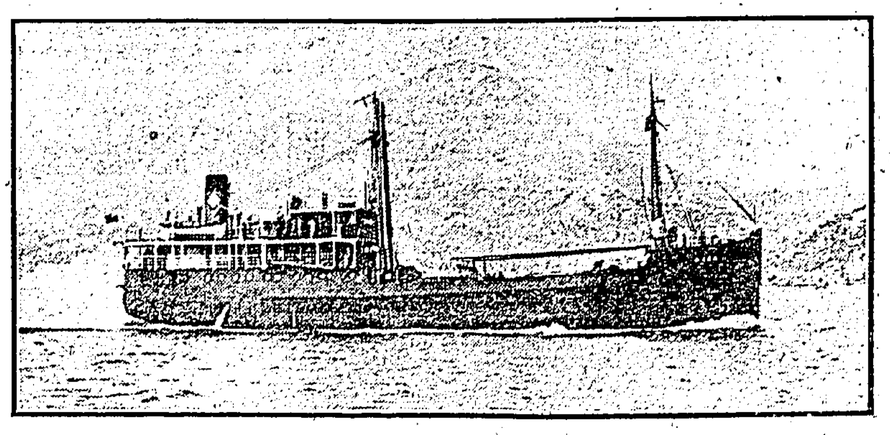

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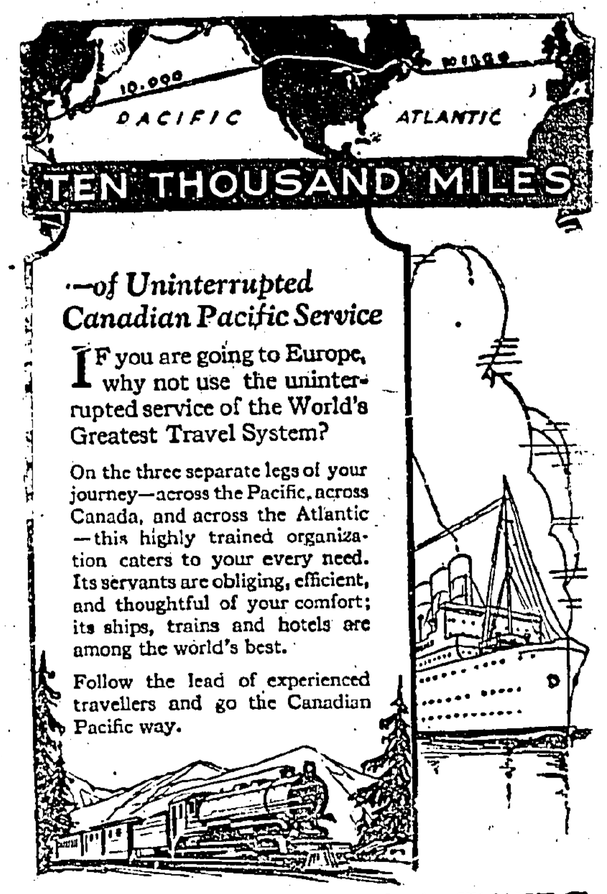

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To-day there is to be a description of the Football Shield final match, and in the evening dance music will be relayed from the Peninsula Hotel.

To-morrow morning the service from St. Joseph's Church will be relayed. The full programmes are as under.

To-day's Programme.

11.00-11.30 a.m. Commercial news.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Demonstration programme.
1.30 p.m. Weather report.
4.40 p.m. A Running Commentary of the Football Shield Final.
Somerset Light Infantry v Royal Navy, relayed from the Stand of the Hongkong Football Club.
6.20 (Approx.) Close down.
7.00-9.00 p.m. European programme of Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Company:—
"Irish Rhapsody," (Victor Herbert).
Victor Symphony Orchestra.
Direction of Nathaniel Shilkret.
"Lengt, Tonestykke," (Haldor Meland).
"Gamal Bruraslat Era Hardanger," (Old Wedding Tune from Hardanger).
Halvor Brathen: Hardanger Violin.
"The Bells of St. Mary's," (Transcription by Archer Gibson).
"Old Irish Air," (Transcription by Archer Gibson).
Grand Organ at Charles M. Schwab's New York residence.
"High Water," (J. Kerrn Brennan-Marsh McCurdy).
"Midnight Reflections," (Malhneck-Signorelli).
Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.
"Shepherd's Hey," (Percy Grainger).
"Passepied," (Leo Delibes).
Ossip Gabrilowitsch, Piano Solo.
"Symphony No. 6, in F Major," (Beethoven, Op. 68).
Boston Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Serge Koussevitzky.
"Carmen Suite—Gypsy Dance," (Bizet).
"Carmen Suite—Intermezzo and Les Dragons d'Alcala," (Bizet).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.
"When I Meet MacKay," (John and Harry Lauder).
"The End of the Road," (William Dillion-Harry Lauder).
Sir Harry Lauder.
"None But A Lonely Heart," (Tschaikowsky, Op. 6, No. 6).
"Who is Sylvia?" (Shakespeare-Schubert).
John McCormack, Tenor with Piano.
"Russian Inn-Medley of Waltzes."
"Russian Bazaar-Medley of Waltzes."
Kirilloff's Balalaika Orchestra.
9.00 p.m. Weather report.
9.00 p.m. Dance programme of Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Company.
10.00 p.m. Relay from the Roof Garden of Peninsula Hotel of Dance Music by the Hotel Band. Dance Numbers will be interspersed with following Solos:

1. Solo Banjo: Crazy Jo'. H. F. Reser. (A. S. Garcia).
2. Solo Cello: Berceuse. Jocelyn. (E. A. Valeroso).
3. Solo Saxophone: Valse Marilyn. Wiedoefts. (H. Dumatol).
4. Solo Violin: Viennese Popular song. Kreisler. (E. Sabinano).

Bandmaster: E. A. Valeroso.
Peninsula Hotel Orchestra.
11.30 p.m. Close down.

To-morrow's Programme.

10.00 a.m. Morning Service relayed from St. Joseph's Church:
Programme.

1.—Holy Mass:
(a) Kyrie.
(b) Sermon: "The Passion of Our Lord." By Rev. Father Cooney S.J.
(c) Offertory.
(d) Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei.
(e) Post-Communion.

2.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
(a) Adoro Te.
(b) Tantum Ergo.
(c) Adoremus.

11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
1.30 p.m. Weather report.
9.00 p.m. Weather report.
9.00-10.30 p.m. Programme of Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Company:—
"Rienzi-Overture," (Wagner).
"Gotterdammerung-Closing Scene," (Wagner).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.
"Komm Susser Tod (Come Sweet Death)," (Bach).
"1. Wiegenlied (Cradle Song); 2. Sapphische Ode (Sapphic Ode)," (Brahms).
Hulda Lashanska: Soprano with chorus and orchestra.
"Organ Prelude and Fugue in A Minor," (Bach-Liszt).
Mischa Levitzki: Piano Solo.
"How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," (F. Flaxington Harker).
"The Holy City," (F. E. Weatherly-Stephen Adams).
Marion Talley, Soprano with orchestra.
"Invitation to the Waltz," (Weber, Op. 65).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski.
"Scotch Pastorale," (Gustav Saenger, Op. 130, No. 2).
"Prayer," (Handel-Glesch).
Yehudi Menuhin, Violin Solo with piano.
"Norma-Casta Diva," (Bellini).
Rosa Ponselle.
"Afternoon of A Faun," (Claude Debussy).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
"Traviata-Dei Miei Bollenti Spiriti," (Verdi).
"Lucia-Tombe Degl' Avia Miei," (Donizetti).
Beniamino Gigli, Tenor with orchestra.
"Troika En Traineaux," (Tschaikowsky, Op. 37, No. 11).
"Polka De W.R." (W. Rachmaninoff).
Sergei Rachmaninoff, Piano Solo.
10.30 p.m. Close down.

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Murder Backstairs

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BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

The Crime: Doris Matthews, lady's maid, murdered Friday night in summerhouse by blow with heavy perfume flask; body dumped into lake on estate of millionaire Berkeleys.

Detectives: Bonnie Dundee, guest at time of crime and discoverer of body; Captain Strawn of the Homicide Squad.

Members of Household: Mrs. George Berkeley; social climber; George Berkeley, opposed to his daughter Clorinda's engagement to Seymour Crosby, New York society widower and a close friend of Mrs. Berkeley's social secretary, Mrs. Letitia Lambert; Clorinda Berkeley, engaged to Crosby; Gigi Berkeley, who unaccountably sprinkled all guests Friday night with perfume from flask presented by Crosby to her mother; Dick Berkeley, so infatuated with Doris that he had forced her to agree to meet him later, although she was engaged to Eugene Arnold, the chauffeur; Wickett, butler; formerly in employ of both Mrs. Lambert and Crosby.

Wickett, questioned by Strawn and Dundee, says he went up to bed at 11:15; knows nothing of the crime; that Doris had an appointment to meet Arnold, but Arnold had left note for her that he could not keep appointment, as he was required to drive guests home. Estate is being scoured for Dick Berkeley, missing from his room all night. Coroner Price, finished with the body, is asked for expert opinion by Captain Strawn.

CAPTER XI.

Dr. Price shook his white head. "Sorry, Captain Strawn, but I can't answer either of those questions now definitely. Only an autopsy can tell whether the blow killed her or whether she was only stunned, and died by drowning. As to the time death took place, that will be hard to fix accurately, even after the autopsy. Unofficially, however, I'll say now that she has been dead between eight and nine hours—that opinion subject to revision, of course."

"Hmm. . . That places the murder between 11 o'clock and midnight, if you're right and you usually are. Good enough for a starter, at any rate. . . . By the way, Doc, in examining the body, did you find a letter or note?"

"No—nothing of the sort. There's only one pocket on the blouse of her uniform, and you can see for yourself it's empty. I rolled the stockings down to look for bruises, and can assure you that no note was concealed in them. The stockings, by the way, have snags and runs in the back of them."

"Runs? Funny that a pretty girl like that—" the chief of the homicide squad began.

"There were no runs in her stockings when Dick Berkeley was forcing her to dance with him last night," Dundee interrupted. "I distinctly remember noticing how pretty her legs were in their sheer black silk stockings. But I think I know what is responsible for those runs," and he pointed to the rough edge of the flooring which extended slightly over the floor of three narrow . . . steps leading down into the lake. "Dick Berkeley's head of the . . . . . dragged . . . . . 'Dragged,' Strawn repeated. 'Then I reckon' must have been a very strong person.'

"Remember the rocks with which the body was weighted," Dundee reminded him.

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"And whoever did that . . . in cold blood knew where to find . . . here to hide the . . . was weighted down . . . rise and float," Strawn . . . out. 'Temporarily, at . . . Crosby out, and . . . panicky he had to . . . a chance. . . . How . . . ? Very neat. . . . "Very neat the . . . than five or six feet," Dundee answered. "Here's how I visualize the crime and by the way, I think it was an impromptu murder, one growing out of . . . circumstance. The . . . of the perfume flask is a very pertinent point that way."

"How do you know . . . the weapon?" Strawn objected.

"Three reasons: first, your nose tells you that perfume has been spilled here. Lots of it. Second, there's a glass splinter in that crack between the boards. Third," and he drew from his pocket the handkerchief-wrapped stopper of the crystal flask, "I found this under the bench, overlooked by the murderer. I suppose you'll want Carraway to look it over for fingerprints, but I doubt that he finds any. It's so intricately carved that there's practically no smooth surface to take a print."

When Carraway had accepted the stopper, shaking his head dubiously, Strawn burst out exasperatedly.

"But how the devil did the perfume flask get out here?"

"If we knew the answer to that question, I think we would know everything," Dundee replied. "Frankly, it stumps me. But it certainly obvious that nobody but a maniac would choose a crystal flask of extremely concentrated perfume with which to clout anyone over the head—with premeditatedly murderous intentions, I mean. Therefore, I say the crime was impromptu, the weapon the first and only one at hand. The deeply cut crystal flask broke with the first blow, of course, and the perfume spilled on the floor. I've sniffed with my nose to the floor and I'm pretty sure it didn't spat-

ter much; therefore it's rather obvious that Doris was either sitting on the bench, or that she had slipped from the bench to her knees, to plead with her, assailant. The later, I think, since that would bring her head closer to the floor, to account for the fact that the perfume did not splash all over the place."

"Poor little thing!" And Captain Strawn, who regarded himself as very much hardened to murder, shuddered with horror and pity.

"Whether that assailant meant to murder her or not we can't know yet, of course," Dundee went on. "But granted that the blow only stunned the girl, the person who had hit her thought she was dead, or desperately feared the consequences if she regained consciousness and told what had happened. In any case, that person had only one thought—to conceal the body. And here was the lake—a made-to-order grave. The girl's disappearance would cause excitement, of course, but it might be days before it occurred to anyone to suspect suicide or murder, and to drag the lake. The swimming season was over. No one could have foreseen that this morning would be so unseasonably warm that Gigi Berkeley would get up a swimming party. . . . Poor Gigi!" he added compassionately.

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"You like the kid?" Strawn asked, grinning.

"Very much!" Dundee answered quickly. "But to get along with the story, as I see it. The murderer was panic-stricken, but the instinct of self-preservation was strong. The body mustn't rise to the surface before he had a chance to escape, as naturally as possible. Therefore it must be weighted. And the means for that, too, were at hand. An artistic border of rocks all along the lake's edge, and right up to the very steps that lead down into the lake. . . . Look!" and he drew Strawn to the top step and pointed. "There's where he got the stones. Didn't even have to leave the steps. Stooped and gathered them in three from the right side of the steps, two from the left."

"Hey! Wait a minute!" Strawn protested. "How could the murderer see to do all this, unless he had been thoughtful enough to provide himself with a flashlight? I happen to know there wasn't any moon last night."

"There again circumstances . . . hand into the murderer's hands. . . . and "Nonsense, but first . . . . . There . . . . . murderer with an . . . aid to his impromptu crime. We can't hang her with the scarf, you know."

"Maybe not, but a rope will do . . . well, if we find any of this . . . spattered on her dress," Strawn retorted triumphantly.

"If a spattering of this perfume were enough to get a conviction of . . . I'm afraid I'd be one of . . . arrests, Chief," Dundee grinned. "My dinner coat's reeking with the stuff."

"What!" Strawn gaped at him. "Say, you didn't happen to see this murder, did you?"

"No, I wasn't an eyewitness, any more than I was the murderer," Dundee assured him. "I should . . . told you before, but there's been so much to tell. . . . The truth is, Chief, that everyone who was in the drawing room last night . . . now, possibly every suspect that . . . been up, including Wickett, . . . splashed with *Fleur d'Amour*."

(To be Continued).

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Plea for Railless Trams.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—May I be permitted, through the medium of your columns, to comment on what appears to me to be an absolute waste of money in the maintainance of the present tramway track?

The Chairman of the Company in his speech at the annual general meeting of the Company on the 18th March last, made references to the investigations which the Company are presumed to have made into the matter of supplementing the present track system by buses.

The report of the proceedings at the above meeting just issued by the Company, quotes the Chairman as having said:—(page 3 of the Report):—"(d) The Institute of Transport recently awarded its coveted Graduates Silver Medal to a Mr. A. A. Jackson of Nottingham for his paper 'The Railless Trolley System: Its Sphere.' The last paragraph of that paper is as follows:—'For pioneer work, the operation over light traffic routes with relatively few stops, connecting main thoroughfares, also for operation generally where the traffic demand necessitates the provision of less than 100 passenger seats per hour in one direction, the motorbus is unassailable; its adoption for such services all over the country is convincing proof. Where traffic warrants a service giving between 400 and 1,000 passenger seats per hour in one direction, with a corresponding increase in the number of passenger stops per mile, and particularly over routes containing severe gradients there appears to be sound reason for seriously considering the adoption of railless trolley vehicles. Routes requiring services giving over 1,000 passenger seats per hour in one direction would seem to be the realm of the tramcar running on double track, and expressions made recently by eminent authorities on the subject to road passenger transport indicate that the high value of the tramcar in dealing safely and economically with the heavy traffic demands is being more widely recognised.'"

From the fact of the Chairman making special reference to the requirement of providing "an average of about 2,500 passenger seats per hour in each direction" between the Western Market and Percival Street (Wanchai), it must be assumed that the heaviest traffic is between the two points mentioned; and that the rest of the territory traversed by the trams at present do not call for more than 1,000 passengers seats per hour in one direction.

The demand for seats between Causeway Bay and Shaukiwan would certainly appear to fall very short of this, and yet expensive double tracks have been laid from Taikoo to Shaukiwan for the accommodation of trams over that area; and which I take it are in contemplation to be laid between Causeway Bay and Taikoo (in place of the present single line) just so soon as the lay of the road in that district has been decided upon and laid out by the Government.

I doubt whether I could be challenged were I to question the . . . on the strength of what I said in the article quoted above of having railed tracks at all.

Going strictly according to the letter of the law as to requirements in this respect, as set out by Mr. A. A. Jackson in his article, the only expanse of the tramways territory requiring double track of rails, would appear to be that between Percival Street and the Western Market. But I venture to contend that even this, what may be termed, congested area could be served by railless trolley vehicles—just as the service in Singapore is run on.

The institution of these railless trolley vehicles would do away with the necessity of laying down any more tracks with rails, and would do away with the necessity of relaying or repairing any which may be existing. As it is, these tracks are maintained by the Company for the Government—not only the tracks themselves by a certain width of road on either side of the tracks—at a high cost to the Company, for the use of all the heavy traffic which others may desire to put over them—and on top of this the Government demand a royalty.

While perhaps I am hardly competent to express any opinion on the point, I feel sure that such wear and tear on tyres which the railless trolley vehicles would have to be provided with, would not amount to anything like what has to-day to be expended in rails and the maintainance of the rail tracks as required by the Government.

It seems ludicrous to sit on the top of a tram running between Causeway Bay and Taikoo to-day waiting, at one of the crossings on the single line running between these points, and watch the buses which run on that route, crossing each other and passing the waiting tram. Do away with the rails entirely and run the service on railless trolley vehicles, and the trams would be passing each other in the same manner instead of being held up every now and then, and no provision would have to be made out of the earnings of the Company for heavy expenditure on track renewals and track making. Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.,

A. SHAREHOLDER.

BANK RETURNS.

NOTE AND SPECIE FIGURES FOR MARCH.

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 31st March, 1930, as certified by the managers of the respective Bank are:

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie In Reserve.
Chartered Bank ...	$19,927,257	$7,800,000*
Hongkong Bank ...	70,633,560	49,000,000†
Mercantile Bank ..	2,249,813	800,000‡
Total	$92,710,670	$57,600,000

*In addition Sterling Securities are deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,288,700.

†In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at £2,875,608.

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"JOURNEY'S END."

PLANS NOW OPEN FOR FAMOUS PLAY.

Plans are now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre for "Journey's End" which Mr. R. B. Salisbury's company will present at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, commencing on Friday April 11. If shipping arrangements permit it is hoped that the company will be able to extend its visit for two more nights, April 16 and 17, when two different plays, to be announced later, will be given.

Telegraphic advices from Singapore state that packed and enthusiastic houses greeted "Journey's End" with Noel Coward in the role of Capt Stanhope. This was the tenth performance of the play in Singapore.

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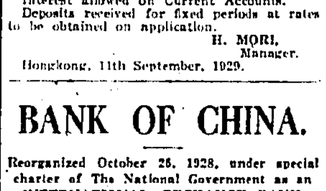

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1930.

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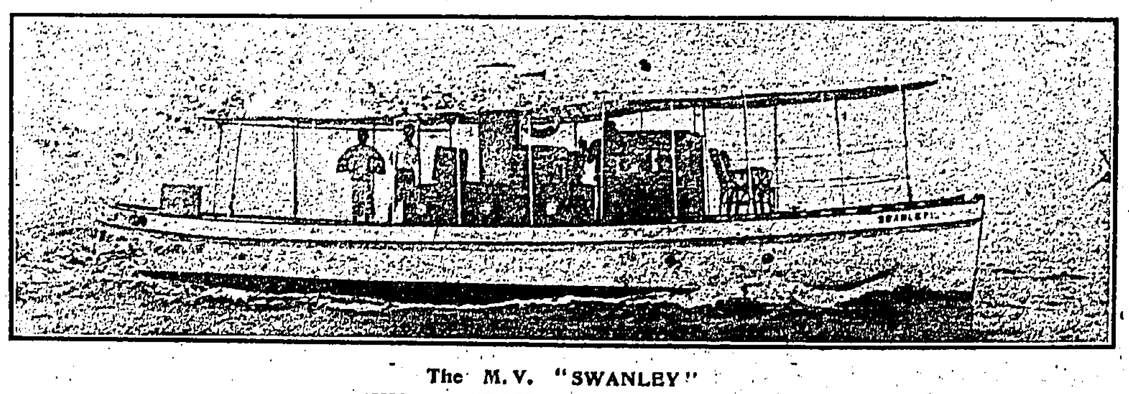

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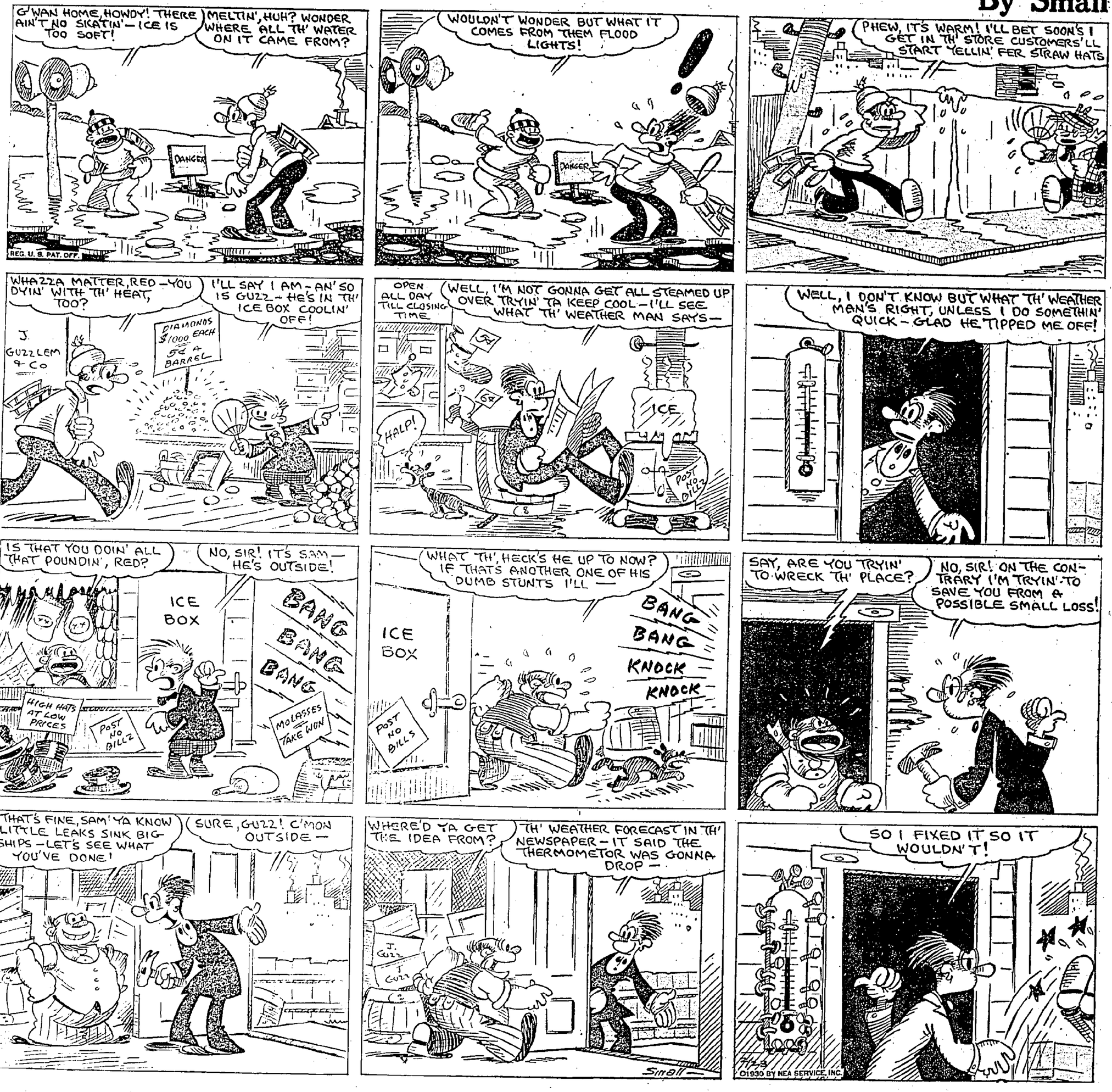

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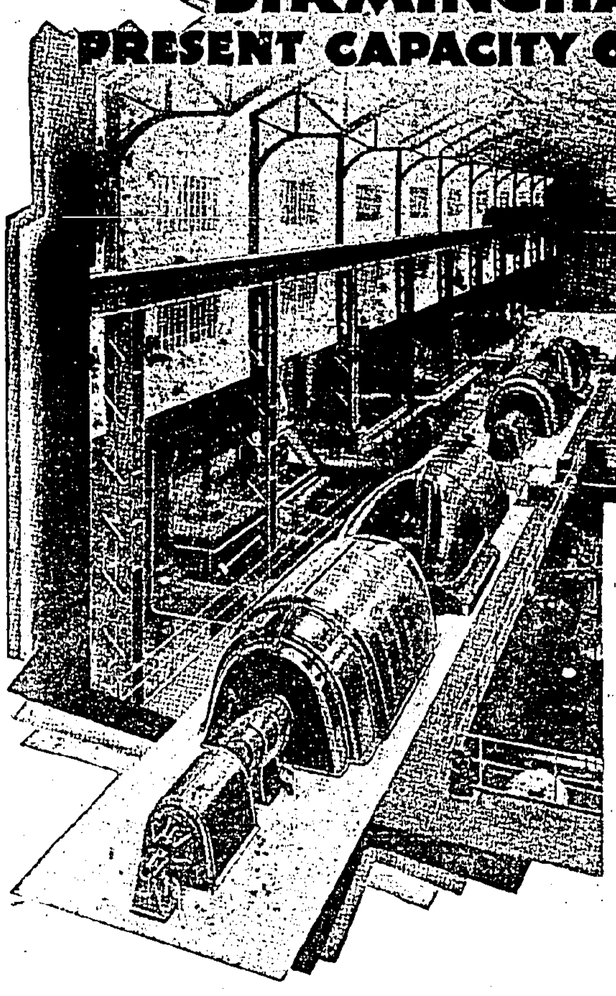

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DEATH PENALTY ON A WOMAN.

LORD BRIDGEMAN ON A "REPUGNANT DUTY."

Lord Bridgeman, a former Home Secretary, spoke from his own experience, of the dread responsibility of deciding whether a man or woman should die on the gallows.

He was giving evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Commons, which is considering the Capital Punishment Bill.

Women, who again predominated among the members of the general public present, listened breathlessly while he described his grim duty of making a decision in the case of condemned women.

"I am in favour of the continuance of the death penalty," Lord Bridgeman told Sir John Power, the chairman. It was the only deterrent to murder.

"I don't think," added Lord Bridgeman, "any other plan of reviewing the sentence would be an improvement on that of leaving it in charge of the Home Secretary. He is a human being, who generally has a good deal of knowledge of the world, and is generally a very conscientious man."

Dr. Ethel Bentham: It must be a very difficult task to come to the final decision?

"It is," replied Lord Bridgeman, "and if you ask me whether I would like it as Home Secretary, I should say, 'Give the job to anyone in the world except me.'"

It was repugnant, he said, for a Home Secretary to have to agree to a sentence of death on a woman when it was his duty to do so.

He himself had had to approve of capital punishment being carried out in the case of a woman.

[Lord Bridgeman was Home Secretary at the time of the execution of Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters for the Ilford murder.]

Mr. W. H. Ayles: Do you think that a board of three persons, including the Home Secretary, would be a preferable method to the present method?

Lord Bridgeman: I do not. I think the fact that the Home Secretary has himself and his conscience to deal with makes him consider each case more carefully and more conscientiously than might be the case if he could share the responsibility with two other people.

Witnessed 15 Executions.

The Rev. William Cottrell, chaplain of Wormwood Scrubs, exressed the opinion that in the interests of the community capital punishment should be retained.

"You feel that no woman should be hanged?" asked Sir John Power.

"On sentimental grounds only," replied Mr. Cottrell.

He had witnessed 15 executions. He thought that men reprieved and sentenced to imprisonment for life should not be plunged into the world after 15 or 20 years without any knowledge of the changed conditions they had to face.

"I think they might be given a day off occasionally," he said, "allowed out on parole.

"Of the 15 men whom I have seen executed I have felt perhaps half or more might have been allowed to live.

"I feel that they would have become really honest men and able to take their places in decent society."

He would like to see a less period than 15 years as the life sentence.

"I am in touch with many reprieved murderers to-day," said Mr. Cottrell, "and they are splendid fellows. Some of them are married and have happy families."

When Prison Clock Stops.

He thought the time allowed to elapse between the time of the death sentence and the execution was too long. It used to be a maximum of 18 days, but he had known of a case where 50 days had elapsed.

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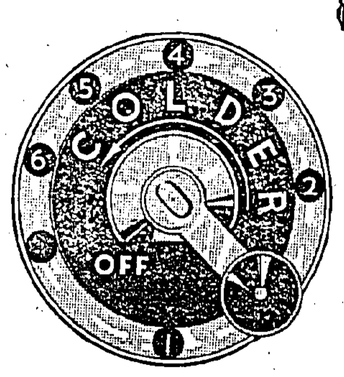

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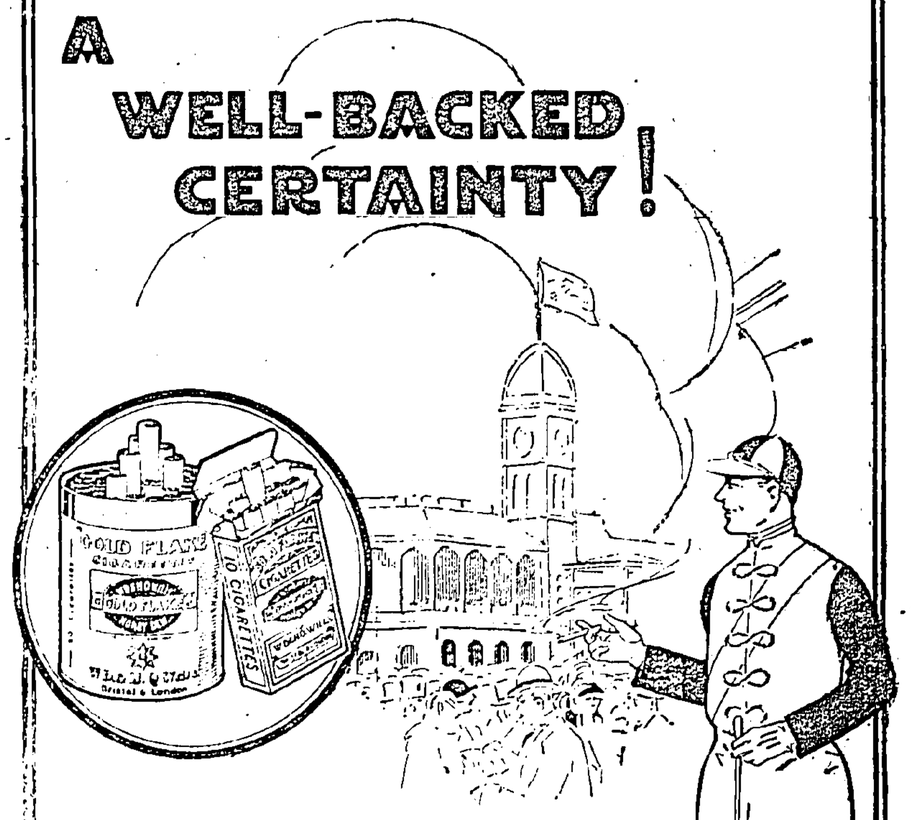

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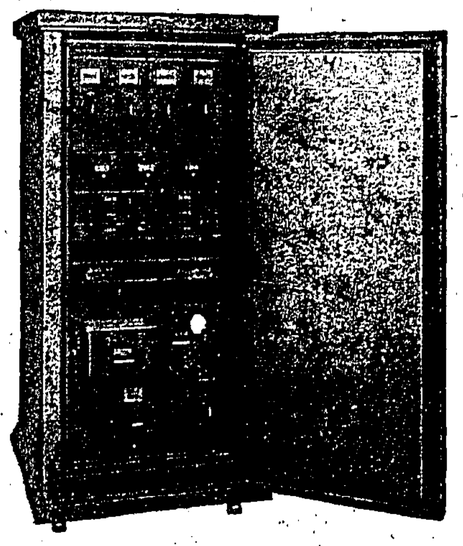

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HOTEL COMPANY'S BUSES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of the balance sheet upon which I feel comment is needed is that relating to "Sundry Debtors Balance of Purchase Price, Majestic Hotel Property, $2,790,000," as to which I am pleased to inform you that funds in complete liquidation of this item were recived and lodged with the Company's bankers on the date fixed for the completion of the purchase, viz the 6th January, 1930.

Exchange Conversions.

In this connexion, I would draw attention to the notification appended at the foot of the balance sheet indicating that Shanghai currencies are converted at the rate of Taels at 72 and Dollars at par. By way of explanation, I would point out that the assets in Shanghai are carried in the Company's books in Shanghai Dollars and that our book rate in respect of our Shanghai assets is converted at the rate of 72 vis-a-vise Taels—the average rate prevailing on transfers in Shanghai—which must not be confused with the cross rate between Taels and Hongkong dollars.

On this point I have also to state that exchange fluctuations between Hongkong and Shanghai do not affect this Company, except at such times as remittances are made between the respective offices, on which occasions the differences in exchange transactions are debited or credited, as the circumstances require, to the Profit & Loss Account for the particular years to which the transactions appertain. In this relation, you will observe that your Board have made provision for the future by creating an "Exchange Fluctuation Account" and, if you endorse the recommendations before you in the matter of the allocation of profits for the year under review, an amount of $150,000 will be credited to an Account to be opened under that particular head, with a view to making provision for any possible future loss on exchange operations.

Reduced Liabilities.

Turning to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, I would remark in reference to the item "Loans secured by Mortgage" that, although only a comparatively small reduction of our liability under this head has been effected since the previous accounting period, nevertheless the Company's liabilities included under the item "Sundry Creditors" appear at the reduced figure of $291,654.39 as compared with those of the previous year.

Reduction of our indebtedness in respect of the first-mentioned item was effected early in the current year on receipt of the balance of the purchase price in respect of the sale of the Majestic Hotel property, and it consequently follows that our indebtedness to our bankers stands at a considerably reduced figure to-day.

Proof of Stability.

Turning to the matter of the appropriations recommended by the Board for the year under review, shareholders will doubtless be pleased to see the Company in the position of being able to revert to a dividend-paying basis after a period of four years, during which no distribution has been made; nevertheless, I think I may usefully inform you that during that period the Company has transferred a sum of no less than $2,500,000 to the augmentation of its Reserves, despite the difficult times through which it has passed (due very largely to financial stringency entailing heavy demands in regard to interest payments in respect of borrowed capital, and enhanced by the series of events connected with the disturbances in China, which have naturally acted as a strong deterrent to its earning power) and I think I am justified in claiming as adequate testimony to the stability of your undertaking the fact that, in the past four years, its business has not only been able to cope with all its difficulties, but has also during that period never presented you with an adverse balance at Profit & Loss Account.

In reference to the matter of "Reserves", I would incidentally point out that your Directors recommend that the sum of $1,000,000 which has been voted from time to time from profits to the credit of the "Construction and Development Reserve" be transferred to a "Reserve for Depreciation", since the designation of the former Reserve would now appear irrelevant in view of the Company having no major constructional programme in hand.

There being no further items which appear to call for explanation, I trust that the appropriations recommended by the Board will meet with shareholders' approval.

Peninsula Hotel.

Although formally opened in the middle of December 1928, and operated throughout the whole of the year 1929, it was not until during the latter months of the last-mentioned year that this establishment demonstrated its capacity, even when filled to its utmost limit, to cope with the situation to the complete satisfaction of its patrons—a state of affairs which has occurred on so many occasions during the recent "travelling season", that the action of your Board in embarking upon the construction and complete equipment of this fine establishment has already—although the Hotel has only recently completed its first year of operation—met with exceedingly gratifying results.

Experience during the past season has shown that this Hotel is well established as the venue for all local functions and festivities of importance and already holds a premier position in the lists of travel bureaux and others responsible for the mapping out of itineraries of travellers to the Orient.

The presence of this, the most modern hotel in the Colony, is undoubtedly an added attraction to the Port and a factor of very material influence in the prolongation of the visits of transients here with the consequent benefit to other interests than its own in the Colony.

Bus Service.

I am pleased to say that the measure of support accorded to the Queen's Road motor bus service during the past year has fully justified the optimism I expressed from the Chair last year in connexion with the necessity for the inauguration of a de luxe bus service through the central part of the city. Evidence that such necessity existed, and that the expenditure involved in the provision of the fine fleet of vehicles your Company now owns was justified, can be obtained at any time from casual observation of the buses in operation.

An increase in the number of vehicles running on the "University" route was made as from the beginning of September last. This increase coincided with the institution of a 10 cent fare over that route instead of the previous rate of 20 cents. It will be gratifying to shareholders to know that the new system has been a success from its inception, and has resulted in the revenue derived from that route becoming almost double that previously obtained therefrom.

Your Board has under consideration the question of an augmentation of the bus service to Repulse Bay Beach at reduced rates, in the coming summer season, and the establishment of a bathing pavilion at that resort, offering in the matter of dressing rooms and the provision of refreshments, facilities to meet the growing demand for transportation and accommodation, at rates within the scope of those with moderate means.

It is interesting to note in connexion with our bus services that the number of passengers carried over all routes during the year 1929 approximated 5½ millions.

Negotiations with Tram Co.

In view of the statement made by the Chairman of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., at that Company's annual general meeting held recently, shareholders will doubtless expect me to make some reference to the subject of the possible affiliation of the transportation services of the respective companies. In this connexion, although "pour parlers" have already taken place, nothing definite has materialised up to date.

In the circumstances, it would appear imprudent for me, at this juncture, to offer any comments as to the possible outcome of negotiations; nevertheless, I deem it opportune to assure shareholders that the policy of the Board in this matter is one of conciliation towards the Tramway Co., since it is probable that—provided some mutually beneficial arrangement can be entered into—and affiliation of the respective services would be to the benefit alike of the interests of the two Companies concerned and of the local community; but your Board is not disposed to lose sight of the fact that this Company were for many years the pioneers of motor bus transport in the Colony and incidentally for a lengthy period operated unprofitable routes: consequently your Board is not prepared to entertain the handing over of this portion of your Company's activities without adequate compensation.

Majestic Hotel.

As most shareholders are aware, the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, opened in 1924, has, under this Company's management, achieved during the past five years a world-wide reputation for its accommodation, service and appointments, and the brilliance of the innumerable functions pertaining to many nationalities which have been staged there. When the property was purchased by this Company, it was intended that the extensive grounds in which the hotel building is situate should be developed by providing extensions thereof, but the situation which arose in June, 1925, postponed the progress of your Board's policy in this matter, and since that time financial conditions have failed to warrant the developments previously contemplated. Moreover, the general conditions obtaining in North China during the past few years have not been such as to inspire your Board with the confidence necessary to justify their sinking further funds in the property.

When, therefore, a cash offer for the purchase of the property was received towards the end of last year, your Board considered that its acceptance was, in the circumstances, proper. The receipt of the purchase price has had the effect of largely reducing the Company's indebtedness to the Bank and will effect considerable saving in interest charges, regarding which, I may incidentally add that as the Company has no large programme of extension in prospect, and as the greater portion of its revenue is in the nature of cash transactions, it should henceforth be able to effect further material reductions of its overdraft from time to time.

Seconder's Speech.

Mr. G. C. Moxon, in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, proposed by the chairman, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—When I say that I rise with pleasure to second the adoption of the report and accounts now before this meeting, it is no empty formula. For a variety of causes, over many of which our Board has had no control, this Company has been in the wilderness for a matter of five years, and it must be a source of no little gratification to my fellow shareholders—as it is to me personally—to hear that, at length, we have been brought to a land, which, if not actually flowing with milk and honey, at least affords us better fare than of late, and opens up brighter prospects than have been our lot for some few years past.

When you consider that we now own six well-equipped Hotels, an excellently conducted and well patronised motorbus service, and that our indebtedness to our bankers has been reduced by some three million dollars—coupled with the fact, as the Chairman has just informed us, that there is every indication that such indebtedness will be materially reduced out of earnings in the future—I think I may say that it bears excellent testimony to the fact that the earning powers of our undertaking are considerable, and, under more or less normal conditions, should be capable of material expansion.

Asset to Colony.

As I said two years ago, we are, in effect, a public utility Company, and I consider that, with the completion of the Peninsula Hotel, we not only have an asset with great possibilities from a revenue producing viewpoint, but, furthermore, the Colony has also gained an asset of which it should be justly proud. In spite of many gloomy predictions, this Hotel has proved a great success and, if I were an Irishman, I might say that our white elephant has turned into a swan; and I am firmly convinced that, as years go on, the Peninsula Hotel at Kowloon will becomes world-famous, and that when the state of chaos that seems perennial inside the borders of our great neighbour does disappear—as disappear it undoubtedly will—then, I think, the owners of our fine hostelry will reap a rich reward for their far-sightedness in embarking upon this great undertaking.

Outside Ventures.

If I may add a personal note, I may say that I have at all times viewed with a certain amount of misapprehension the matter of our embarking upon ventures outside of Hongkong. In the circumstances, I may add that I speak feelingly when I congratulate the Board on their sale of the "Majestic" property.

I am glad to see our Bus and Garage Department has reaped the measure of success it so justly deserves, having regard to the pioneering work embarked upon by our Company in this particular portion of its business, and, whilst on this subject, it is gratifying to hear from the Chair that this asset will not be parted with unless for a substantial quid pro quo.

Our transport business has proved a great boon to the public, and I think all will agree that the service it renders is excellent and its management most efficient, in which connexion I may add that it is not the first time in our history that this Company has served the Colony faithfully; in fact, in my considered opinion, there is a big score to our credit—Repulse Bay and its development, cheap meals for all in the "Strike" days, efficient transportation services, and, last but not least, the Peninsula Hotel—a great attraction to tourists who are welcomed here by most sections of the community.

In the circumstances I have no hesitation in saying that this Company, to my mind, deserves success, and I think is now on the high road to attain it. With these few remarks, Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Club v. I.R.C. (League) to-day:

1st XI (Away).—H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. Reid, E. R. Duckitt, E. J. R. Mitchell, K. H. Batger, A. C. Beck, W. Harris Walker, J. McFarlane and J. R. Younger.

2nd XI (Home).—H. J. Armstrong, G. E. R. Divett, J. L. Bonnar O. E. C. Marton, E. R. West, C. E. Gahagan, J. Summers, J. Ashworth, R. M. Wood, J. D. A. Hutchison and F. E. Skinner.

THE FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

GOOD ENTRIES FOR THE APRIL MEETING.

The following are the entries for the Fanling Hunt and Race Club steeplechase meeting to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, April 13:

April Avoirdupois Stakes. 3.00 p.m. 1 Mile. Winner $100; 2nd $50. For China ponies that have started this Season at Kwanti and have not won a steeplechase this Season. Catchweights at 168 lbs.—Caviare, Diana, Duke of Neiblung, Fanling Stag, Huntington, Lightning, Mongolian Stag, Movanagher, Sixty, Sunloch, Why Not.

Grand Military Steeplechase and Sassoon Cup. 1¼ Miles. For the Sassoon Cup, to remain the property of the winner for one year with replica presented; 2nd $50.00; 3rd $25.00. For China ponies the property of an Officer in H. M.'s Forces and/or a member of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. To be ridden by an Officer of H. M.'s Forces or a member of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one steeplechase 7 lbs, penalty, of two steeplechases 12 lbs. penalty, of three or more steeplechases 14 lbs. penalty.—City Hall (158 lbs.), Duke of Neiblung (168), Harford (158), Huntington (155), Penhole, Peterkin, San Francisco (158), Sucre (165).

The Summer Handicap. 1¼ Miles. Winner $100; 2nd $50. For China ponies.—Montana (168 lbs.), Christmas Frolic (167), November (161), Osswaltwizzle (161), Target (161), Discord (158), King's Counsel (158), Buster (156), King Cobra (155), Sucre (155), Fanling Stag, (153), Pal O'Mine (152), Fernleaf (148), Duke of Neiblung (145), Mowgli (145), Sunloch (145).

Fanling Champion Steeplechase and "Borderers' Cup." 1½ Miles. For the "Borderers' Cup" to remain the property of the winner for one year with replica presented; 2nd $75; 3rd $50. For China ponies that have started at Kwanti this Season previous to this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale.—As You Like It (158 lbs.), Bright Prospect (155), Christmas Frolic (158), Montana (161), Movanagher (155), November (158).

The Easter Maidens. 1 Mile. Winner $100; 2nd $50. For China ponies that have never won a Steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at this Meeting allowed 5 lbs.—Bay Rhum, Bon Ami, Bright Prospect; City Hall, Diana, Grand Duke, Grey Mouse, His Majesty, Huntington, King Cobra, King's Counsel, King Throstle, Lightning, Lively Tune, Osswaltwizzle, Peterkin, San Francisco, Six Hundred, Sixty, Snowdrift, Sunloch, Tarnborg.

TENNIS TOURNEY.

CHINESE PAIR ENTER THE SEMI-FINAL.

Sound and quite attractive, but lacking in anything spectacular, was the tennis served up yesterday in the doubles championship, when Kong Too-cheung and Ho Ka-lau met and defeated A.L. Sullivan and F. A. Redmond, and thus gained right of entry into the semi-final.

From a spectators' point of view, the best aspect of the match was the gallant effort of the English pair to save the issue. Sullivan in particular gave quite an inspired display, and had the two only been able to work together with a little better understanding, there might have been a different result. Redmond was rather spasmodic and was certainly not so steady and consistent as one usually expects him to be. He sometimes pulled off some fine strokes—winners all the way—but he negatived these by disappointing net work.

Kong and Ho won by their opponents' mistakes, more than their own brilliance. They were not too confident in their ground strokes, and were kept on the defensive for periods. Kong was inclined to be erratic, and more than once followed up a delightful shot, with a blunder over the simplest of returns. Ho's lobbing and overhead work played a useful part in their success.

Yesterday's results in detail were:

Open Championship Doubles. (third round).—Kong Too-cheung and Ho Ka-lau beat A. L. Sullivan and F. A. Redmond, 6—4, 4—6, 7—5, 6—2.

Handicap Singles "A." (third round).—P. W. J. Planner beat Dr. L. T. Ride, 0—6, 6—3, 6—3.

Handicap Doubles, (second round).—A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer beat E. R. and T. J. Price, 6—4, 7—5. Dean Swann and L. Forster beat T. C. Monaghan and N. L. Railton, 8—6, 6—2.

THE HOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST TEAM TO MEET THE SOMERSETS.

The following will represent the first eleven of the Hongkong Hockey Club in their match with the Somerset Light Infantry on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday:—C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, J. E. Henry, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. A. Dand (captain), J. E. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, M. G. Marriott, R. H. D. Wade and T. J. Price.

The second eleven, to meet H.M.S. Tamar on the R.N.O.S.C. ground at 5 p.m. on Monday, will be:—W. Borrowman, J. E. Henry, L. F. Nicholson (captain), L. A. R. Duncan, H. O. Davis, L. G. Frost, W. A. F. Kerrich, O. Butler, R. H. D. Wade, D. M. McDougal and M. G. Marriott.

BOXING

CITY HALL.

Saturday, 12th April, 1930, at 9.15 p.m.

15 Rounds Heavyweight Championship of the Colony and Belt.
A. B. ROWLES v. MARINE SMITH
H.M.S. Marazion H.M.S. Hermes
10 Rounds Middleweight Contest
MARINE FRASER v. A. B. LEE
H.M.S. Tamar H.M.S. Sepoy
6 Rounds Middleweight Contest
Marine Woolford v. A. B. Tuck
H.M.S. Hermes H.M.S. Sepoy
6 Rounds Welterweight Contest
Pte. Jones v. A. B. Burrows
Somerset L. I. H.M.S. Sirdar
6 Rounds Lightweight Contest
A. B. Harvey v. O. S. Scott
H.M.S. Stormcloud H.M.S. Hermes
6 Rounds Bantamweight Contest
A. B. Rawlings v. Pte. Pierce
H.M.S. Hermes Somerset L.I.
6 Rounds Featherweight Contest
A. B. Odell v. Cpl. Sherston
H.M.S. Hermes Somerset L.I.

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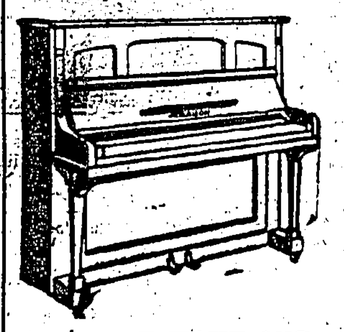

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CAPT. W. T. LILEY LEAVES

LONG ASSOCIATION WITH HONGKONG.

REMINISCENCES OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

MASTER OF SUI TAI.

With the departure of Capt W. T. Liley yesterday, by the s.s. St. Albans, bound for Australia, the China Coast has lost one of its outstanding personalities—"a gentleman of the sea" whose association with Hongkong dates as far back as 1877.

Interviewed just before leaving yesterday, Capt. Liley kindly gave a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* a brief outline of his experiences during the intervening years.

It was in the "Seventies" that, an enthusiastic youngster, W. T. Liley became apprenticed to the British Mercantile Marine when "wind-jammers" plied their trade, and for the following ten years he saw service in many a proud sailing ship in the days of the sea trade between Australia and the Far East.

It was in 1877 that Capt. Liley first sailed into Hongkong Harbour in the sailing ship "England's Glory" a vessel of 900 tons, and in those days "as fine a ship as ever sailed." Kowloon was then but a wild area of virgin country over which sailors were wont to ramble to stretch their legs after the sixty-day voyage from Sydney.

Later on Mr. Liley, as he then was, was appointed chief officer of the E. & A. Company's steamer s.s. Guthrie, commanded by Capt. Stephen George Green, which steamer was also engaged in the tea trade between China and Australia.

Waiting For Tea Cargoes.

On one occasion, in the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, Capt. Liley has vivid recollections of his ship lying at the Pagoda Anchorage, Foochow, for six weeks, awaiting a cargo of tea. It was at that time that he first saw the s.s. Changsha, then on her maiden voyage, lying in company with a number of other steamers, including several Blue Funnel vessels, each waiting to be laden with tea.

Capt. Liley's life has been singularily free of excitement. Pirates roamed the China Sea in those days in a greater number than they do to-day, but none of the ships on which he served was ever victimised. It was after dinner aboard on a Christmas night in the "Seventies" that a fire was noticed in Hongkong, and as it assumed huge proportions, Capt. Liley landed with another youngster, and beheld the greatest spectacle created by fire that he has even seen.

The whole of the town appeared to be blazing, and the high wind probably accounted for the spreading. What is now the Central District, in those days formed the main part of Hongkong, and the whole area was alight. For nearly four days it burnt furiously, and parties from naval ships in harbour and from the military fought the flames for day and night unceasing. Parties of sailors were to be seen pulling down buildings in order to stop the path of havoc, although when the conflagration ultimately burnt itself out, Hongkong presented a sorry sight.

Wrecked on a Reef.

Kennedy Road was then the favoured district, and residences on the Peak were unknown. A foot-track wound its way as far as Kennedy Town to the west and another as far as what is now Taikoo, to the east. At that time, Sir John Pope Hennessy was the Governor of Hongkong.

In 1881, whilst on a voyage to Australia as a passegner in the Brisbane, Capt. Liley was wrecked on a coral reef near Port Darwin, but passengers and ship's company were able to reach land safely, the weather being quite fine.

Later on, after another spell out East, he returned to Australia and was given an appointment with the Howard, Smith Company, and in fifteen months rose to command the s.s. Gambier, then an important passenger steamer engaged on the coastal trade from Adelaide to Townsville. In 1889, Capt. Liley opened the foreign trade for the same firm in the s.s. Time, voyaging again to the Far East. In 1892, he joined the Victorian Pilots' Service, at Port Melbourne which is considered the "blue ribband" of pilotage work. This particular service is famous for the fact that it owns its own vessels, wharves, godowns and residences, and those appointed to it are considered to be extremely fortunate.

Master of s.s. Sui Tai.

Reaching the age-limit in the year 1921, the call of the sea was too insistent to allow him to take his well-earned retirement, with the result that he accepted the command of another coastal steamer. After a period of this work, he again came East, and in 1925, joined the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, being given command of the s.s. Sui Tai, of which he remained the popular commander until he relinquished his charge on March 29th. in order to return to Australia on retirement.

Among other reminiscences, Capt. Liley recalled to mind, a particularly severe typhoon at Hongkong in 1874, when many vessels foundered and much loss of life occurred, as well as extensive damage to property ashore. At that time the greatest admiration and wonderment were aroused in the presence in the harbour of "two tremendous steamers" the s.s. City of New York, and the s.s. San Francisco, paddle-wheel steamers of 5,000 tons.

Captain Liley's familiar and genial presence will be missed by a host of friends who wish him and Mrs. Liley many years of well-earned rest at their home near Melbourne, Australia.

GERMAN BUSINESS COMMISSION.

SPENDING A BUSY TIME IN CANTON.

NOTED DELEGATES.

Canton, April 4.

The German Industrial Delegation in Canton are having a very busy time. To-day they are visiting the Whampoa Military Academy under the guidance of General Wong Keung, in the morning. A luncheon is being given in their honour at the Lingnam University at Hong Lok, and at 4 o'clock they will give a lecture in the Assembly Hall of the Chung Shan University. Dr. Jur. W. Wagner, Consul-General for Germany, will entertain the party to tea at 5.30 p.m. at his residence at Yee Sha Tau, and to-night His Excellency, General Chan Mingshun, Civil Governor of Kwang tung, will give a dinner at Tei Sze Young at Tung Shan.

The following well-known industrialists comprise the Delegation:—Director Heinrich Retzman, President of the Industrial Commission; Dr. Ing. G. Dettmar, Electricity Expert of the High Technical School of Hanover; Dr. Ing. Phil. h.c. Carl Wendt, a Director of the world-famous arms manufacturers, Messrs. Krupps of Essen; Reichsbahn Oberbaurat Rademacher, chief Engineer of the German Federal Railways. Dr. Schippel, Director of the Deutsch Reichsbank; Dr. Jacoby, Director of the Darnstaedter and National Bank; von Gentard, Director-General of the Association of Machine Builders; Dr. Strowe, Editor of the *Deutsch Allgemeine Zeitung*, and Secretary General to the Commission.

Preparations are already afoot in Nanking to receive the delegation. A special commission has been appointed comprising members of the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Communications, Finance, Railways, Industry, Commerce and Labour, to look after the delegation and to guide them through all the various industrial points of interest in the country.

Germany is expecting considerable trade improvement with China as the result of the visit of the delegation, which is seeking to get back the China imports, especially in machinery, which have been tending lately to go to the United States and other countries.

It is already reported that an order for one of the world's most powerful broadcasting stations has been placed by the Central Government with the Telefunken Company of Berlin through Messrs. Siemens China Co., though the visit of the delegation and the placing of this order are not exactly connected.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ANOTHER PRIEST CAPTURED.

FRENCH FATHER SEIZED BY BANDITS.

OVER 20 OTHERS HELD.

Swatow, April 1.

A raid has been made by hill bandits on a village in the country lying to the south of Ho-pho, and a Roman Catholic priest, of French nationality, with a considerable number of his flock, have been carried off into the hills to the west.

The bandits are remnants of the Communists who have been disturbing the Hai-Lok Fung districts for so long. Recently they have been confined to the hills and have been in straits for food.

A band numbering about 200 were operating a short time ago near Khue-tham, the main town on the road from Swatow to Swabue. The band that made the attack on this village took away some hundreds of the folk, including the priest, but subsequently set free the majority, still keeping twenty or thirty, however, with them to hold for ransom or to execute in their hill fastness.

It is said that there is no fear for the life of the priest, but the other captives are threatened.

A Roman Catholic village in that district suffered severely two years ago, so much so that the entire village, with the priest, trekked up to Swatow, and were subsequently helped to go abroad.

It is some time, however, since such a considerable haul of prisoners has been made in that part.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE RETURN OF EUNICE.

(Continued from Page 8.)

to showing her the shells, so long as he had the eggs. Shells were easy enough to get. Any of his friends could provide him with all the shells he needed. He took the plate away and hurried downstairs to acquaint the other servants with the situation. It was agreed by all that the new mississee was going to be difficult. She would require careful watching.

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After setting the boy and the coolie to work upstairs, Eunice went down to the kitchen and gave the cook his instructions for tiffin. She had brought with her from home a very useful book called, "The Housewife's Friend, or Menus for the Year," "price sixpence, published by the *Daily Distress*," and chose the menu for luncheon for that day of the year. There was method about Eunice. The cook put on his hat—a bowler—that Kuttle had discarded long ago, and toddled off to market. As soon as he had turned his back, Eunice began her inspection of the kitchen. It was filthy, of course. All bachelor's kitchens are. Kuttle had never been in the kitchen but once in all his time in Chaomoy, and that had been at two o'clock in the morning on an occasion when he was returning from a poker party and could not find his way upstairs unaided. Eunice opened every tin and every bottle in the place and carefully examined the contents. A row of Goldflake tins at the top of a back shelf mystified her somewhat.

One contained cocoa powder, another coffee, and one was full of tea. Two of them held liquids which she sniffed carefully.

"Ah, I thought so! Whisky! Gin!" These were evidently the cooks little squeezes. There was method about the cook too." Had he been at an English Public School, "Paulatim" would have been his motto.

Eunice made a tiny mark against the level of the contents of each tin. She would come again to-morrow and see what had happened.

(To be continued next Saturday.)

"Great drawing, Mac; you certainly are up on men's fashions."

The Very Idea!

There is a rule at Oxford that music is not allowed in some of the colleges between 10 and one in the morning. The Dean was forced to write to one of the undergraduates who had broken this rule, and said:—

Dear Mr. ——, I beg to remind you of the rule that music is not allowed in the college between the hours of 10 and one. For the purposes of discipline I am afraid I must regard your piano-playing as music.

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The chemist had left his new assistant in charge while he went out. "Anybody been?" he asked on his return.

"Yes," said the youth, "a lady wanting something that would make a dark tablecloth light. I sold her some benzine and methylated spirit."

"But that won't make a dark tablecloth light," exclaimed the chemist.

"Oh, won't it?" replied the youth. "Wait until she gets a match near it."

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("Lives there a man with imagination so sluggish that he is not thrilled by the sight of the year's first lambs?" asks a writer.)

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never raised his drowsy head
And scrambled from his cosy bed
To greet the spring with keenness—
And watch the lively lambkins sprint
(A sight to melt a heart of flint)
And turn his thoughts to fragrant mint
And peas of mellow greenness?

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Teacher—"Now, it was in the year 1066 that William of Normandy landed at Hastings. Can any of you tell me anything about this invader?"

A pupil—Yes, mum. He's dead."

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A newly-appointed Justice of the Peace was called upon to hear a case arising out of a motoring accident. "Where is Mr. So-and-So?" he asked severely.

"He's defunct, your Lordship," answered the clerk.

"Defunct or not defunct," retorted the new Magistrate, "he ought to have been here."

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A minister was dining at a farmhouse one Sunday, and when his plate of roast chicken was handed to him he said facetiously —"This is where the chicken enters the ministry."

The farmer laughed. "Let's hope," he remarked, "that it will do better than in lay work."

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Rome, Mar. 6.

One of the most audacious robberies in the criminal annals of Italy was carried out in Rome before noon to-day when two men dressed as carabinieri officers "requisitioned" the entire stock of a jeweller's shop in the centre of the city and formally "arrested" the proprietor on a faked-up charge. Before making off with over £20,000 worth of booty they conducted him to the central police prison of the city and "consigned" him into the custody of the prison authorities.

The two criminals, perfectly disguised as a captain and warrant officer of carabinieri, entered the shop armed with false arrest and requisition papers which charged the jeweller with receiving stolen goods. They solemnly took down the jeweller's statement protesting his innocence, made a complete inventory, which they asked the jeweller to sign, and gathered up the precious stock into boxes, which they firmly sealed.

They then put their "prisoner" into a public taxi and drove with him to the prison of Regina Coeli—the Pentonville of Rome. Producing forged arrest papers to the official in charge at the receiving office, the false captain handed over his distracted victim to the unsuspecting prison authorities, and, after getting a receipt for him, the two pseudo carabinieri decamped with the loot.

The evident sincerity of the victim's protest of innocence led to a closer scrutiny of the arrest papers, and irregularities were soon discovered which revealed the hoax.

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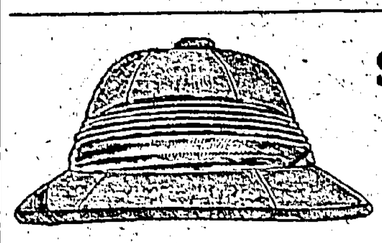

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Under the rules and regulations of the Monte Carlo Rally the marking arrangements are such that the further a car travels, the greater is its chance of success. In this way British competitors were somewhat handicapped, for most of the entrants started from John o' Groats, a distance of 1,837 miles from Monte Carlo, whereas the winner and earlier "place" men came from Jassy—2,186 miles.

The best British performance was made by Donald Healey, who drove his Triumph Super Seven from Tallinn, once known as Reval. Healey was first out of the Tallinn contingent—the largest in the whole Rally—and finished seventh in the general classification, being beaten only by starters from Jassy.

That one of the smallest and cheapest cars should carry off the honours in this way shows that there is certainly nothing wrong with British cars. The excellence of Healey's performance, however, is accentuated by the fact that he had previously competed in the Riga Rally. Starting from Birmingham in this event, he finished fourth and made best performance of any British car. On the way from Riga to Tallinn he was unfortunate enough to "ditch" his car and only just managed to get the repairs executed before he was due to set off from Monte Carlo. He therefore had no time for the overhaul which would have been warranted after the Riga Rally and, to all intents and purposes, completed the two events without adjustments to his car.

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BY THE WAY

The county of Surrey received in motor licence fees £680,262, an increase of £34,146 on the total for 1928.

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The consumption of motor spirit in England increased by 27,732,245 gallons in 1929 compared with that of 1928.

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A "National Safety Week" has been suggested and it is proposed to hold it next May. The first thought to come to mind is why a week?

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The motor vehicle duty brought in in one week the amount budgeted on for the whole year, and has exceeded the estimate by nearly £2,000,000.

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Over 600 additional employees have been added in the past month to the regular staff at the Cork works of Henry Ford and Son, Ltd., according to an announcement from the company. There are now 5,378 employees at work there on the production of the Fordson tractor, as compared with 4,760 on December 1, or an increase in number of approximately 13 per cent.

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The import duty on petrol entering Ceylon has been increased by 20 cents, which is equal to 9d. per gallon.

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The Austin Motor Co., Ltd., has paid a further year's dividend on account of arrears still outstanding on its 6 per cent. "B" preference shares.

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The value of exported British motor vehicles and parts during 1929 was in excess of that of imports of foreign cars by £1,724,263 compared with 1928.

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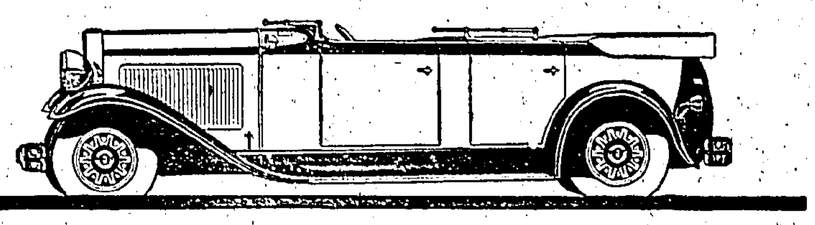

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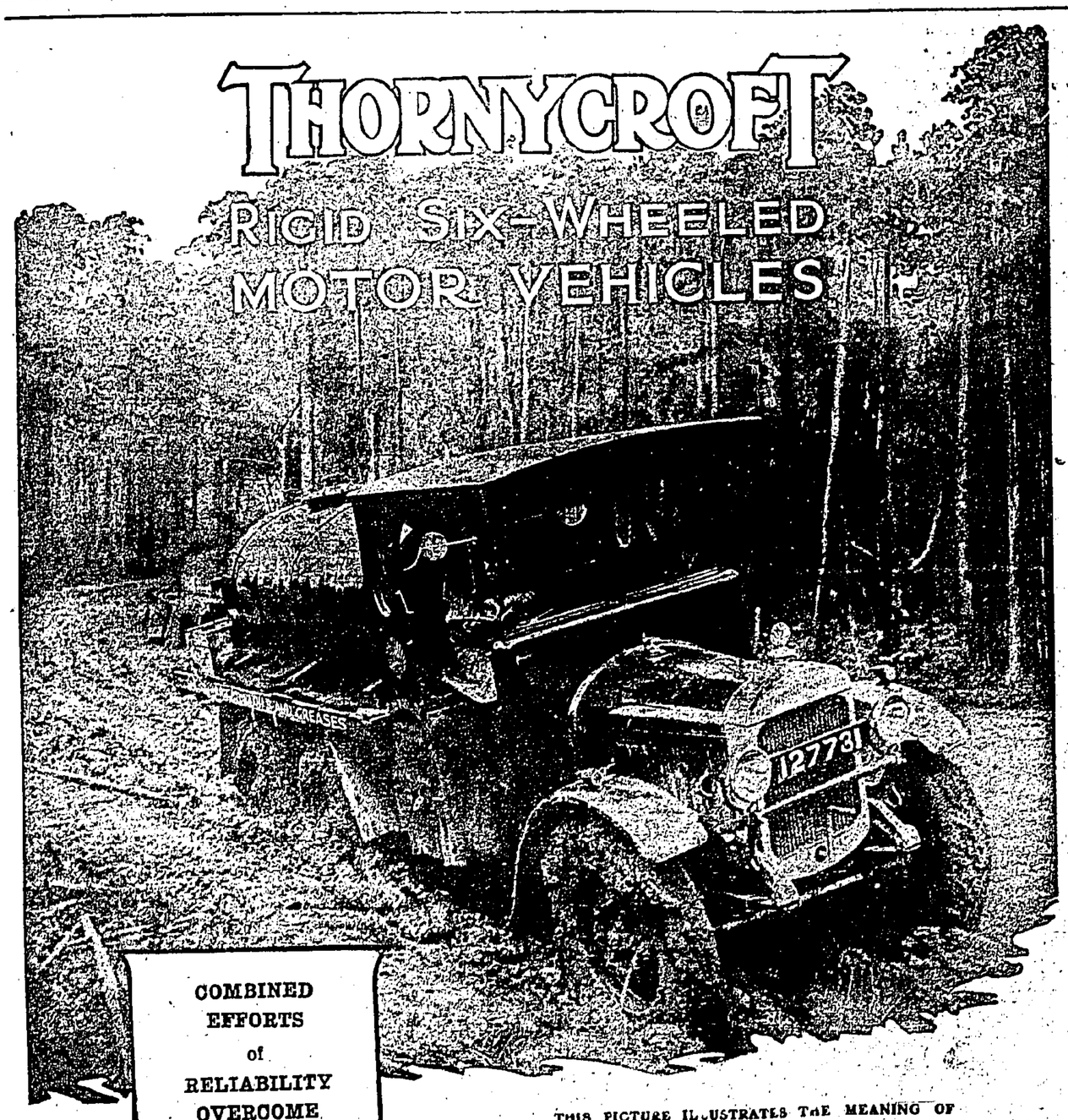

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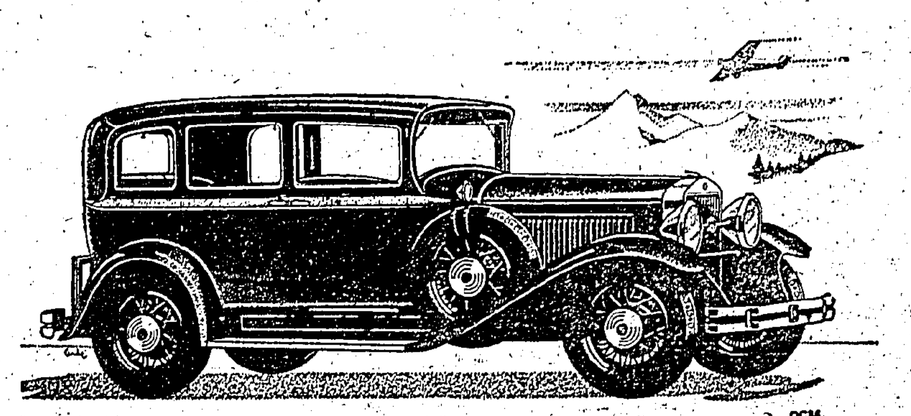

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MOTOR NOTES FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

[Special Report to the *Hongkong Telegraph* by R.A.C.]

The Export Outlook.

It is satisfactory to learn from statistics issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders that British motor exports during 1929 showed an increase of some 33 per cent. in number and 20 per cent. in value over those for 1923 and, further, that the demand is far from slackening in spite of the difficulties in different markets. Undoubtedly, one of the results of financial stringency in many parts of the world and the very serious Wall Street collapse has been to popularise the small British car. The reliability and efficiency of this type, combined with its low first costs and running expenses, are now appreciated by an ever increasing public requiring sound and economic means of transport.

A feature of the past six months or so has been the steps taken to develop sales in Europe. Rootes Ltd., for instance, have long realised the vast possibilities of the Continental market and have exhibited the products of the Hillman-Humber combine, for which they are world exporters, at the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam Shows. At the time of writing, they are showing at Copenhagen, where a 16/50 h.p. Humber saloon, a Humber "Pullman" limousine and a Hillman Straight-Eight saloon are on view, while a Humber "Snipe" and a Hillman Straight-Eight are being used for demonstration purposes.

For Commodious Bodies.

The Humber "Pullman" is a long wheelbase edition of the "Snipe" chassis and can thus carry the most luxurious bodywork. The chassis, it may be remembered, is remarkable for having a comparatively large and powerful 8-cylinder engine of the very latest design, a 4-speed gearbox with "silent third" ratio and an outstanding road performance. It has been rightly hailed as a thoroughly sound type for the Overseas markets.

With the approach of the Budget there is speculation among motorists as to the possibility of an alleviation of the h.p. tax. Certainly, any change is likely to favour the higher powered cars and to give impetus to the production of vehicles of about 16 to 25 h.p.

The possibility of procuring at a reasonable figure and tax cars of medium and higher h.p. will appeal especially to visitors from Overseas and such firms as Shaw and Kilburn, for instance, who specialise in the supply of new and used cars to those on a visit and who guarantee to repurchase the car at the end of the stay, are anticipating a busy season.

In The Overseas Markets.

The Wolseley "Messenger" is living up to its name and is winning excellent opinions from users in the Dominions. Built specially to prove that Britain can produce a car thoroughly suited to Overseas conditions, it has been quick to deliver its message. A well-known motorist in New Zealand has said that if ever the public had been given an incentive to "buy British" it was in this new Wolseley. Its road performance, steadiness and comfort are among the features which are highly praised by Overseas motorists.

Although the South Sea Islands are not associated in the minds of most people with motor cars, in actual fact there are well over a thousand vehicles used in those parts and the number is steadily growing. The first consignment of Standards has lately left the Coventry works, for the well-known merchants, Burns, Philp and Co., are to act as agents.

This firm has a very wide organisation throughout the Islands, particularly in Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and New Guinea and Standard cars will be handled from these depots.

One of the most striking looking cars ever built has just been completed at the Armstrong Siddeley works as a wedding gift to a Mohammedan lady in India. The car is a 30 h.p. 6-cylinder model and the colour scheme is silver, all metal parts being chromium plated; even the luggage grid, battery box and tool box are so finished.

The Armstrong Siddeley self-changing gearbox is employed and the pre-selector control, mounted above the steering wheel, as well as the handle of the brake lever, is finished in ivory. The rear doors are fitted with step lights which automatically come in to action when the doors are opened.

About Paint.

Mr. W. E. Bullock, the energetic managing director of Messrs. Singer & Co. has some pertinent things to say on the subject of the fabric body, which coming from him, must carry very considerable weight. "The Singer Company," he says, "was the first to include a fabric saloon in the standard range, and it was the first to drop it!" To-day, Mr. Bullock pins his faith entirely to cellulose-finished coach panelled bodies. Not only are they easier to clean and more lasting under the constant cycle of rain, mud, hose-pipe and wash leather, but they are much brighter and smarter to the eye.

There is an increasing tendency among large motor haulage contractors in England to instal paint spraying plants for their vehicles for, apart from the question of preservation, it is realised that a smart appearance has a considerable publicity value.

At the same time, while admitting that there are paint spraying plants on the market that give excellent results, Blundell, Spence & Co, the paint manufacturers, maintain that the use of the spray by no means eliminates the need for skill; in fact, they affirm that as much skill is required as with a brush and that the only real advantage possessed by the spray is in the matter of speed. For this reason, the spray is often used for the undercoats and the finishing coat is put on with a brush.

Outstanding Commercial Vehicles.

A particularly distinctive appearance has been achieved in the latest Spirit Tanker added to the fleet of the Anglo-American Oil Co. and painted in the familiar green and red coloura. This, however, is chiefly due to the exceptionally low height of the frame, which also makes for safety when travelling at speed.

The 1,500 gallon triple compartment tanker is mounted on an A.E.C. 95 h.p. "Regent" chassis, which though well-known already in the passenger field is thus used for the first time for commercial work. The wheel arches depart from usual practice in being embodied within the tank itself and the valves are all operated from a compartment fitted with a door, at the rear.

The vehicle undoubtedly forms a valuable addition to the Shell fleet which now totals over 2,000 lorries, a large percentage being Leylands.

At the time of writing, the Prince of Wales is employing two Morris-Commercial 6-wheelers on his big game shooting expedition in East Africa. One of these has seating accommodation for the Prince and his staff and the second is fitted up with a dining cabin, shower bath and cooking range, the water being heated by the exhaust.

Incidentally, after making exhaustive tests over difficult country, the Government of India has selected the Morris-Commercial 30-cwt. 6-wheeler for general service. An order has been placed for a large number of these vehicles complete with bodies and caterpillar tracks.

Coach or Private Car?

It is very interesting to compare the modern coach with the big private car of to-day and, as a result, the question arises: Why should not a private owner have a coach instead of an ordinary limousine? For less than £1,000 one can buy a coach complete that is three or four times as roomy as the largest car on the market, just as comfortable and very nearly as speedy as those costing at least half as much again for the chassis alone.

Such a vehicle as the Commer "Invader" 6-TK, for instance, has a 4-speed gearbox with "silent third" ratio and the controls and steering are as light as they are on the best private cars. And, consider the amount of room available! Further, running costs compare favourably with those of a very high power 7-seater.

In many ways the up-to-date coach approximates very closely to the large private car. Consider, for example, the 1930 Gilford chassis; here are a 6-cylinder engine, 4-speed gearbox, vacuum servo 4-wheel brakes cam, and lever type steering. Central chassis lubrication is employed and all spring eyes and shackles are fitted with "Silentbloc" bushes, thus eliminating lubrication and wear of the shackle pins.

As regards suspension, the front springs are supported on Westinghouse Gruss air springs, while at the rear Luvax rebound absorbers are used. This combination gives the maximum riding comfort and prevents twisting and wrenching of the frame.

Sir Henry Segrave's New Boat.

Although great secrecy surrounds the building of "Miss England II," Sir Henry Segrave's new speed boat, it is understood that the power units are to be of the Rolls-Royce Schneider Trophy type and that the boat will be considerably larger than her predecessor.

The Air Mjaistry has now released some interesting details of this wonderful Rolls-Royce "R" engine, the power weight ratio of which is 0.805 lbs. weight per h.p. Actually, it develops over 1,900 h.p. or about the same as the latest express engine of the London and North Eastern Railway, although the latter is no less than 200 times as heavy and is 75 ft. long against the aero engines 50 ins.

For Motor Yachting.

The "Blue Moon" which Thornycrofts designed and built for the Marquis de Casa Maury, is a most interesting type of craft. Although only 38 ft. long and housing a 140 b.h.p. engine, giving a speed of 30 knots, the boat possesses a roomy saloon aft of the driving cockpit, with adjoining lavatory, pantry and cupboard accommodation for lengthy runs.

The same firm, by the way, has just completed the first two of four high-speed petrol launches to the order of the Turkish Government for Customs patrol service. At full power a speed of 18.3 knots has been attained with each boat.

The experience of Mr. Neill's 50 ft. cruiser "Juliette" goes far to prove that motor yachting is not necessarily an expensive pastime. In this vessel an Ailsa Craig 28-36 h.p. 6-cylinder unit is the main engine, while a 10-16 h.p. "Kid" is used as an auxiliary and for running the boat in canals.

Exposnes for the year showed that neither engine cost anything for repairs, although the larger had been in the yacht over 4 years. This means that, with due care to the selection of a reputable make, repair bills can be kept down to the absolute minimum.

AMSTERDAM SHOW.

British Car's Shown.

POTENTIAL MARKETS.

At least six British firms were represented at the Amsterdam Motor Show this year. Apart from Austin, Morris and Rolls-Royce exhibits, Humber, Hillman and Bentley cars, for which Messrs. Rootes, Ltd., are world exporters, were shown by the local distributors.

Believing, as they do, in the great future possibilities of the Continental market, Messrs. Rootes, Ltd., are as a matter of policy exhibiting at all important Continental shows. They were, for instance, one of the very few British exhibitors at Brussels, the importance of which is often not realised.

In Amsterdam they were seeking greater business not only in Holland itself, but also, through Holland, in such vast potential markets as the Dutch East Indies.

Four Hillman Straight Eights were shown, three of them saloons, and the fourth a Segrave coupe. A Humber Pullman limousine and a Humber "Snipe," the latter for demonstration work, were available outside.

The 6½-litre Bentley exhibited had a Thrupp and Maberly fixed cabriolet de ville body, while another Thrupp and Maberly body, a sporting fixed cabriolet de ville, was seen on a 40-50 h.p. Phantom II Rolls-Royce.

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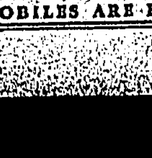

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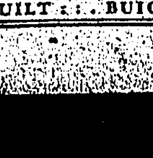

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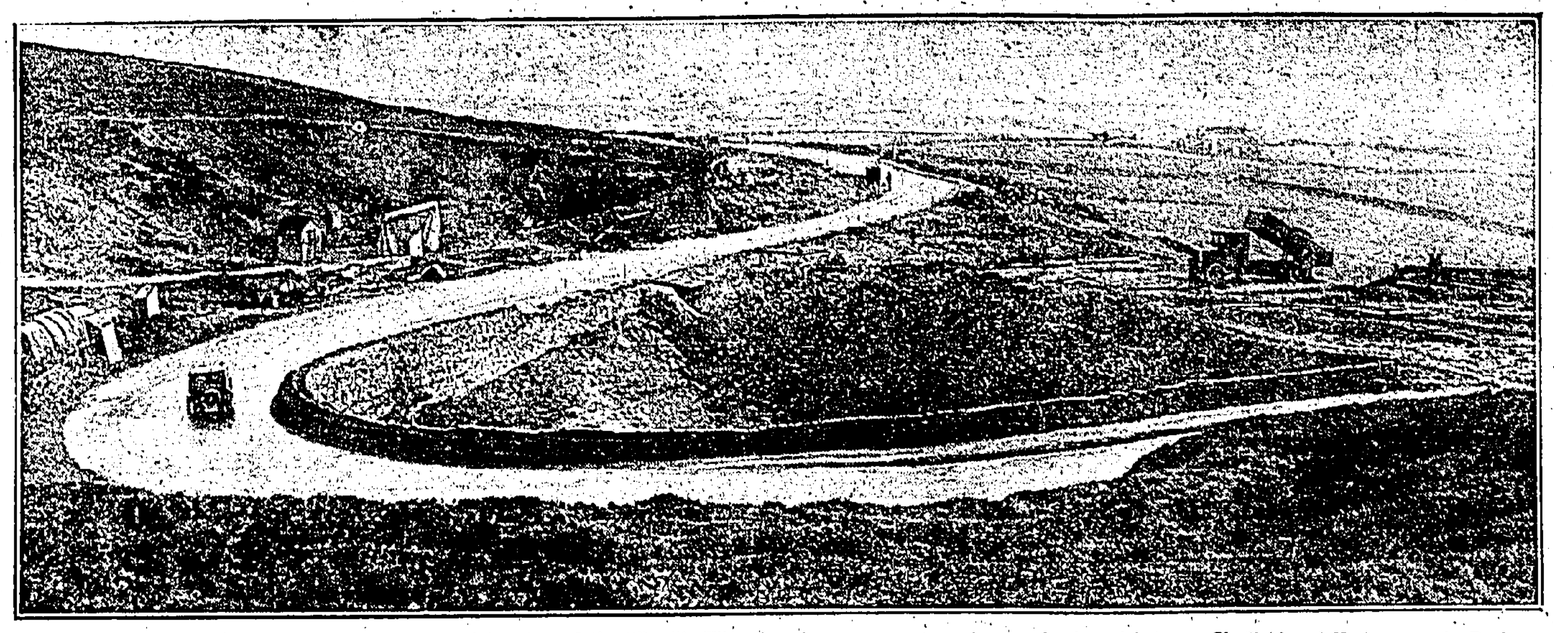

A view showing work in p rogress on the straightening of the "Devil's Elbow", a dangerous spot on the moorland road between Sheffield and Hathersage, in Derbyshire. The improvem ent, which is being carried out by the Sheffield Corporation, means the filling in of the small ravine seen in the picture.

MILLIONS IN CAR TAX.

It has been estimated by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce that the total gas tax and fees collected during 1929, and the state, local and federal-aid expenditures for highway construction, mounted to more than $765,-116,000.

ALL POTENTIAL SALES.

With 26,000,000 automobiles now travelling American highways, it is estimated that 3,000,000 of them will wear out during 1930, offering that number of replacement sales.

POOR PEDESTRIANS.

Pedestrians in Calcutta, India, have small chance of escaping auto accidents, as they get no warning. A revised rule there states that motorists may not use cut-outs, exhaust whistles, sirens, electric horns or similar appliances.

BIG BUS BUSINESS.

Buses travelling over American highways carry eight million passengers a day, or three billion a year—24 times the total population of the United States.

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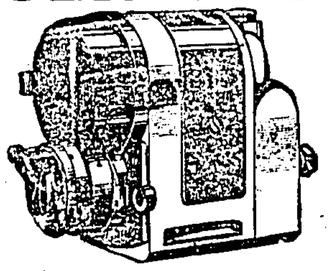

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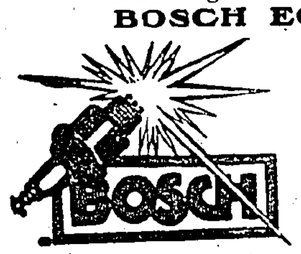

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The colour scheme of this 30 h.p. six cylinder is silver, the paintwork of the body and chassis frame being carried out in aluminium, and the exterior and interior metal parts such as lamps, driving mirrors, luggage grid and guard bars, bumpers, windscreen and door handles, and pulls being chromium plated.

The interior finish is carried out in silver leather with silver brocade laces and linings. Blinds, made of silver brocade, are fitted to all rear compartment windows which are glazed in blue to ensure privacy. All windows in the main compartment including the rear light are of the dropping type fitted with automatic window lifts. There are sliding blue glazed glasses in the division which houses two auxiliary seats, there being thus ample accommodation for five persons in the rear compartment.

The interior fillets and facias are carried out in ivory delicately lined in blue. The offside quarter facia is fitted with a canteen and contains a cut glass powder box, two cut glass scent bottles, and an engagement book. The nearside quarter facia contains an ash tray and match box. A mirror on which a diffused light is directed is fitted in the centre of the division and extends for its full depth, a silver flower vase and clock placed below the mirror completing the scheme.

Interior lighting is provided by two diffused lights fitted in the rear corners of the car, these being in addition to the mirror light. The rear doors are fitted with step lights which are operated by switches in the door pillars, and automatically come into action when the doors are opened.

The self-changing gear preselector control which is mounted above the steering wheel, and the handle of the brake lever are finished in ivory, the pedals being painted aluminium. The instrument board is also ivory finished.

In addition to the head and side lamps two extra lamps are fitted, one on each side of the windscreen, all six being chromium plated.

A spare wheel is carried on each runner board, and there is a driving mirror on each spare wheel. The chromium plated batery box is let in to the nearside runner board, and the tool box matches it on the offside runner board, both boards being covered with aluminium.

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MOTOR CYCLE FEAT.

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Harry Lorraine, the actor-airman, was recently the hero of a daring piece of film work requiring nerve and confidence. In connexion with the preparation of a sound film Mr. Lorraine had to drive a motor cycle through a large plate glass window, and for the purpose selected an Ariel machine. Rider and motor cycle were undamaged but the plate glass was smashed into thousands of pieces.

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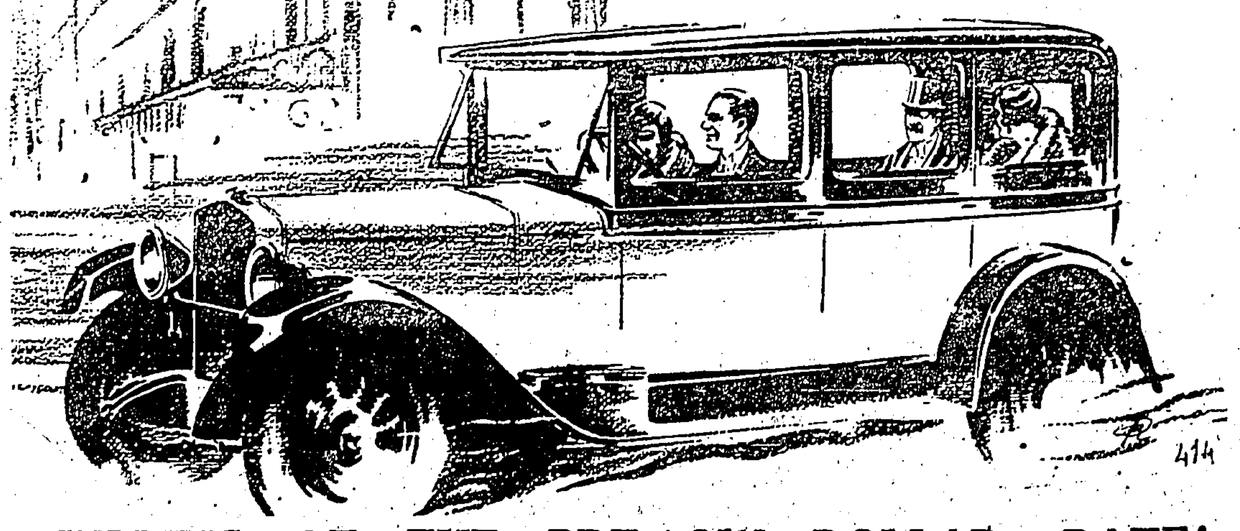

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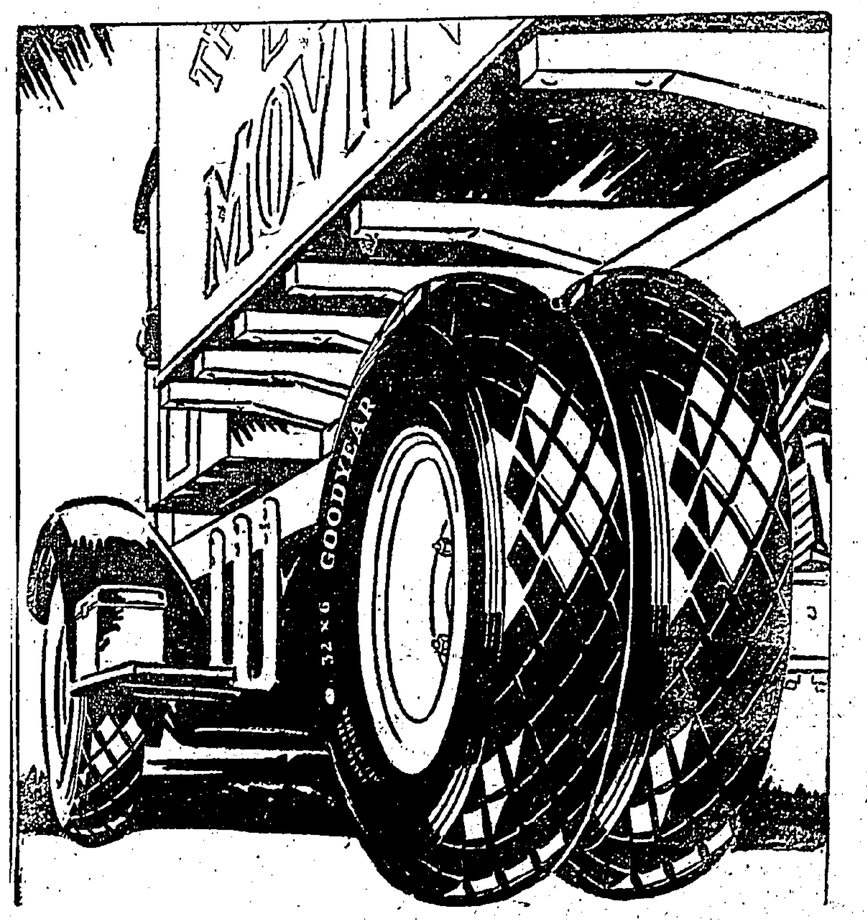

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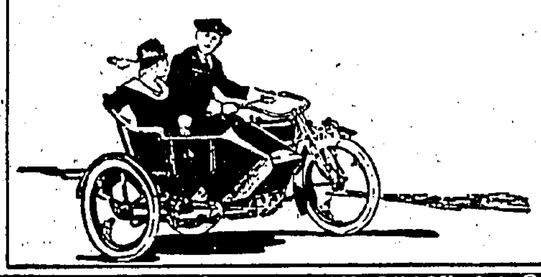

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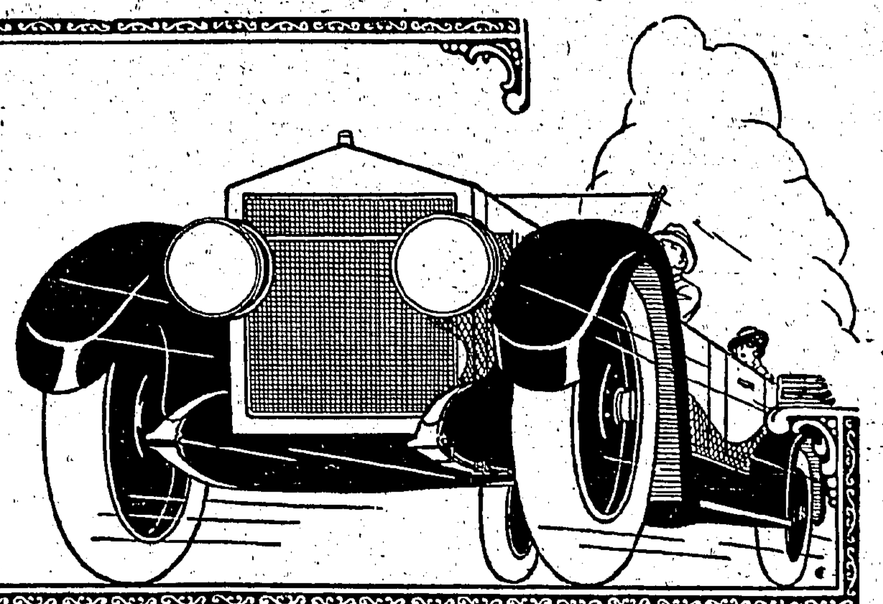

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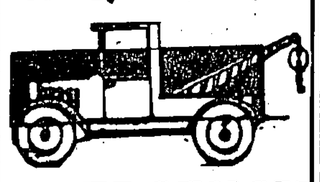

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CURRENT COMMENT

Road Rumours.

For some time now, it has been rumoured that an effort is being made to open up by means of motor roads, additional bathing beaches between Aberdeen and Stanley. It has long been recognised that the matshed sites at Repulse Bay are insufficient for the number of applicants, and the continuation of the present low road, or a new road from the main road down to one of the several attractive beaches, would do much to relieve the existing congestion. More than ever are motor vehicles coming into private use, and this fact alone makes it desirable to link up other suitable bathing beaches with the present roads system.

Jay Walking.

An incident which occurred in Pedder Street the other day, recalled to mind the fact that in some countries, pedestrians who wilfully obstruct motor traffic, by walking in the roadway, are liable to be fined. The local instance referred to concerns two Europeans who walked up Pedder Street, ignoring the warning horn of a car following them. It would have been quite an easy matter to move over to the side of the road as the majority of people do, but these two individuals evidently thought otherwise. Apart from the discourtesy of the act, it is most probable that had a fender of the car touched them they would have considered themselves very much wronged, and the driver might have been reported for carelessness. Such people deserve to be made an example of in their own interest, and in the interest of road users generally.

Camping Grounds.

The British Automobile Association has submitted a memorandum to the National Park Committee, set up by the Government, approving the establishment of National Parks, and suggesting that a survey should be made with a view to discovering suitable areas in Wales, Scotland, the Lake District and the Devon Moors. In the opinion of the A.A. definite provision should be made for the accommodation of visitors, and the memorandum sets out the essentials considered necessary for the equipment of huts, permanent camps, sites for individual campers, and car and motor coach parks. With a membership exceeding 410,000, the Association issued itineraries last year totalling 234 million miles, and there is ample evidence of a demand for camping facilities. In view of the rapidly growing number of aircraft owners, the A.A. also urges that suitable level ground should be cleared to serve as aerodromes, with corrals guarded by shelter hedges, for the machines.

Six Wheelers.

After making exhaustive tests over difficult country the Government of India have selected the Morris-Commercial 30-cwt. Six-wheeler for general service.

An order has been placed for a large fleet of these vehicles complete with bodies and caterpillar tracks. The order is to be completed by March, 1930.

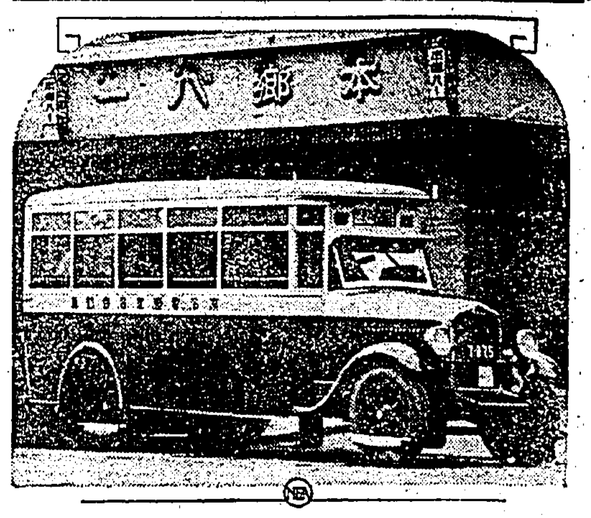
These Six-Wheelers are capable of astonishing performances on steep gradients, or over swamp or through bush. They overcome all obstacles with amazing ease and the cost of operation is negligible.

Proving Ground.

Several motor car factories have excellent test tracks surrounding their works, but the track which has been built by the Hillman company is unique in that its surface has been purposely roughened in places in order to secure the very worst riding conditions.

Tests on this new track, which is called a Proving Ground, in no way replace the usual extensive road tests. They are in addition to them, and are carried out mainly with a view to discovering body rattles or imperfections in the springs, shock absorbers and steering. If any minor faults are found they are rectified on the spot; this is obviously more effective than later adjustments in the final test shop.

BUSES WEAR "GALOSHES."



The above picture from Tokyo shows the "splashers" with which all motor buses are equipped.

ROUND THE WORLD.

Motor Cyclist's Long Tour.

JUNGLE THRILLS.

From time to time news comes to hand of the progress of a Russian, who is making a tour of the world by motor cycle. This young man, Kralicheh Soboleff by name, started in September, 1928, from China on his Ariel 500 c.c. O.H.V. machine, and upon his arrival in England recently he had already covered 22,520 miles, and passed through no less than 17 countries.

He carries with him a book of considerable size, in which are contained innumerable letters and autographs, amongst which are those of The King of Siam, The King of Irak, his brother and their wives, the King of Jugo-Slavia, and many other illustrious personages, including two Indian Maharajahs and many Governors, but perhaps the most interesting is the stamp of the Papal Arms, for he received the Pope's blessing whilst in Rome.

In Jerusalem he made himself known to the Arch Patriarch, and was honoured by being made a Chavalier of the Order of the Cross. The emblem of this order, a black and silver cross, is said to contain a portion of the original cross in its hollow interior. He wears many medals, one of which was given him by a Chinese War Lord in recognition of his services in the field.

Of his journey from Siam to Malay he says: "I was 24 days in the dense jungle, which, although intersected by fairly defined paths, presented many and tiring difficulties. Snakes abounded and a great deal of the time the ground was so rough that I had to practically drag my machine along. I dared not drink water, for fear of typhoid—coconut milk had to suffice and for food I ate rice.

At night I lit fires which kept me safe from marauding beasts of prey; I was indeed glad to emerge at last into more open country."

In crossing the Banderabas Mountains from India to Bagdad he was fired at from the hillside whilst riding down a ravine. He was warned before starting that this country was infested by robbers and bandits, but resolved to risk the journey. At the first two shots he realized his danger, and opening the throttle made his way down the rock strewn waste at breakneck speed—his machine undoubtedly saved his life, for he was quickly carried beyond range. His luck held, and he completed the crossing without further molestation.

Before attempting to cross the Arabian desert, Mr. Soboleff was told of many failures—death by drought and from hostile Arabs, but, still undaunted, he was determined to forge ahead. Six hundred miles of unending sand had to be crossed without chance of water. So, loaded up with his baggage, several cans of petrol, and with an especially large supply of water, he set off to find his way by compass to Damascus.

Not the smallest trouble has been experienced with the machine, and the engine has only once been decarboinsed—a really fine recommendation for British engineering. Mr. Soboleff is not a little proud of his mount, and proposes to ride across America to the Pacific, thence to Japan, China, and finally back to India.

FIAT FEAT.

Climbs the Mottarone.

DARING DRIVING.

The Mottarone, the highest of the prealpine peaks dominating the beautiful district around the centre of Lake Maggiore and the Lake of Orta, a scenic point renowned not only in Italy, but thoroughout the world, has recently been climbed by a model 509.9 H.P. Fiat touring car. It should be noted that the summit of the Mottarone can only be reached by the rack railway from Stresa, or on foot over steep, faintly marked tracks. Nearly thirty years ago, in 1902, one of the first motor cars built at Intra, succeeded after incredible adventures and after having overcome difficulties of every imaginable kind, in reaching the great Cross, attacking the mountain from Omegna, over steep, impracticable, grassy slopes. But this first daring attempt cost the intrepid pioneers such sacrifices and efforts, so many were the difficulties to be surmounted, that no other car has since attempted the ascent.

It was towards the end of last year that Mr. Palmiro Alberganti of Omegna, taking advantage of a mule track made from Armeno to the Mottarone by a Committee to render possible on the summit the First Alpine-motorcycle Gathering, succeeded in conquering the 3,280 foot rise taking, not without difficulty but in perfect condition, his 9 H.P. Fiat tourer to the summit. In many places the mule track—40" wide and with a gradient of as much as 1 in 5—had to be widened by Mr. Alberganti and his willing companions with pick and shovel to allow the little 509 to pass. After a splendid climb, the little car conquered the difficult ascent, arriving after some hours at the summit Hotel, to the great surprise of the spectators.

By this fresh, acrobatic climb, the 509 Fiat once more proves that it really can go literally anywhere.

SPEED LAUNCHES.

Built for Turkish Government.

CUSTOMS DUTY.

Amongst a number of orders received by Thornycrofts from overseas during the past 12 months, one of the most interesting was the contract for four high-speed petrol launches for the Customs Administration of the Turkish Government.

The first pair of these boats completed a series of elaborate trials to the entire satisfaction of the representatives of the Turkish Authorities before being shipped for their destination.

Seaworthiness and stout construction have been the main considerations, having regard to the heavy weather which is frequently likely to be encountered, whilst as the service on which they will be engged will necessitate their being away from port for many days at a time, provision has had to be made for suitable accommodation for both officers and crew and for generous fuel supplies.

Of 70 ft. in length, the boats have a beam of 12 ft. 6 ins. and a draught of 3 ft. 10 ins. The hull planking is of double skin teak on timbers of elm, whilst added strength and safety is ensured by the arrangement of five steel bulkheads between the main compartments. The hull is copper sheathed to just above the water line.

The propelling machinery consists of three engines of the Thornycroft BB/6 six-cylinder type, each developing 140 b.h.p. at 1,800 r.p.m. reducing gears with a ratio of 2½ to 1 being fitted to each engine.

At full power a speed of 18.3 knots has been attained with each boat, which is a striking indication of the accuracy which has been maintained throughout the design, construction and machinery installation of the vessels. For ordinary cruising purposes one engine only will be used, and this gives the boat a speed of 10 knots with a remarkably moderate fuel consumption of about 8 gallons per hour, this speed being attained on three-quarter throttle.

A particularly noteworthy characteristic of the boats is their steady running. At full speed the wheel was left unattended and a straight course kept for some considerable distance.

Equally notworthy is the ease with which they may be manoeuvred, a turning circle being completed within 2½ boats' length at full speed and 1½ at half speed.

For their projected service there is no doubt that the boats will be found to be in every way thoroughly efficient and reliable, and the design is one which should recommend itself in many directions where vessels for Customs patrol service are under consideration.

FASTEST AIRSHIP.

Success of the R.100.

VALUABLE FEATURES.

So much has appeared in the Press already concerning the two British airships R. 100 and 101 that their general characteristics are now fairly well known. For instance, most people are aware that R. 100 is equipped with heavy oil engines, whereas the other vessel, the product of the Airship Guarantee Co., Ltd., with which Sir Dennistoun Burney has been so closely associated, employs six Rolls-Royce engines of Condor IIIA. type.

These engines are housed in three power cars, two in each car with two airscrews operating in tandem. The pusher propeller in each case is reversible by means of a gearbox, thus giving ample power astern, and, although this arrangement of having the pusher airscrew working in the ship-stream of the tractor screw means a loss of propeller efficiency, there is a decided gain in weight in having two engines in one power car and also a reduction in the number of crew necessary.

The trials already carried out with the R. 100 make it clear that Great Britain possesses what is probably the fastest airship in the world, and one that embodies a number of very valuable features of entirely new type.

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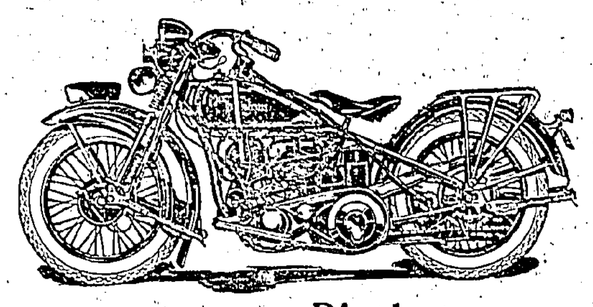

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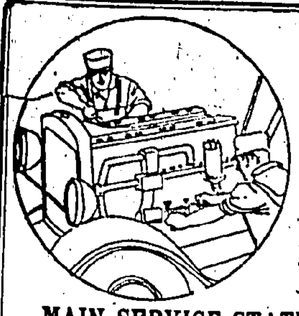

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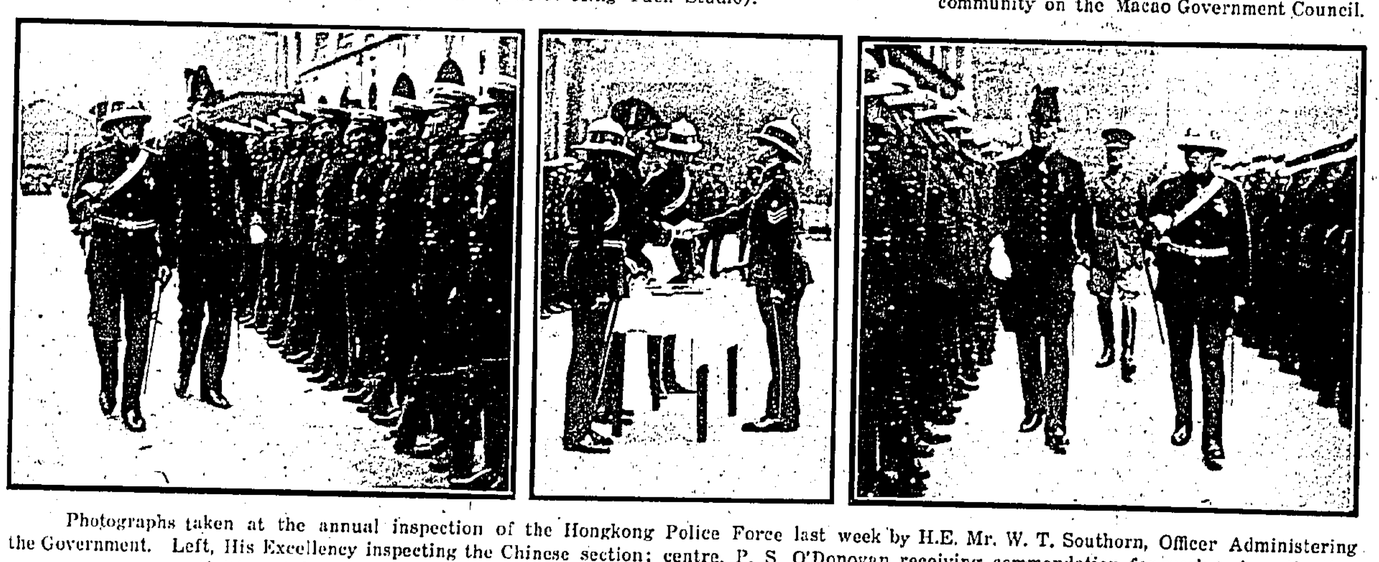
Group taken on the occasion of a recent visit to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's native district, Chui Hang, by General Chan Ming-shu of Canton. General Chan is the figure in dark coat and light trousers.

Members of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, photographed on the occasion of the annual prize distribution at Fanling. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. Southorn, who is seen seated second from left. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).

This group was taken at the reception held at the Hongkong Hotel after the wedding, on Wednesday of last week, of Lieut. C. J. Wood, R.N., and Miss Kate Hallaran, which took place at St. John's Cathedral. (Photo: Ming Yuen Studio).

Dr. Yew Yuk-lin, LL.D. (Cantab), who has been nominated to the new seat for the Chinese community on the Macao Government Council.

Photographs taken at the opening, by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, of the new St. Stephen's College at Stanley. Top, His Excellency addressing those present; bottom, His Excellency and Mrs. Southorn being received by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, Warden of the College; inset, a picture of the College building. (Photos: Mee Cheung and A Fong).



Photographs taken at the annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force last week by H.E. Mr. W. T. Southorn, Officer Administering the Government. Left, His Excellency inspecting the Chinese section; centre, P. S. O'Donovan receiving commendation for work in investigating activities of Communists; right, H.E. inspecting the European section. (Photos: Mee Cheung and A Fong).

Stretcher bearers of the St. John Ambulance Brigade giving a demonstration on the occasion of the annual inspection by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

His Excellency inspecting the Nurses' Section of the Brigade. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

Group taken at the recent wedding, at Kowloon Tong, of Mr. Kam Shou-shan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pu Tin-chan, of Chung Shan, and Miss Wing She-fok, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kwai Shiu-fok. The bridegroom's father was formerly a Director of the Tung Wah Hospital. Mr. Wong Tong, third from left on back row, acted as witness of the ceremony. He was formerly a well-known Canton official. (Photo: The King's Studio, Kowloon).

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government made several presentations of awards at the Ambulance Brigade inspection last week. Photo shows one of the recipients being congratulated. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

SILENT ACTORS UNAFFECTED.

NOT DISPLACED IN THE "TALKIES."

Here are movieland's brightest stars, as judged by the box office receipts. No. 1 is Clara Bow, the dynamic little red-head, who leads them all. No. 2 is Colleen Moore, winner of second place, and No. 4 is Nancy Carroll, next in line. No. 3 is Hoot Gibson, who has replaced Tom Mix as a cowboy favourite, and No. 5 is Lon Chaney, who ranks as the most popular male star.

Despite the hosts of stage actors and actresses who have invaded this "land of promise" during the past few years, the old screen favourites continue to hold their places in the hearts of movie fans.

This fact has just been proved by a poll of theatre managers throughout America. These men ranked the players according to their box office values—which seems to be about the best way of determining popularity.

The results of this pool seems to indicate that stage players imported to Hollywood have not taken the places of those who have built their reputations on the silver sheet. These legitimate folk may be famous along Broadway, but the others are better known to the rest of the country.

Winnie Lightner, who heads the list of feminine stage importations, ranks eighteenth among the fair sex when it comes to drawing power at the movie box office. And Al Jolson, who has led the male invasion of footlight celebrities, must be content with tenth place among the actors now in Hollywood.

Clara a Consistent Star.

Heading the list of feminine stars is Clara Bow, for years known as the queen of movie red heads. Clara also was voted the biggest box office attraction of 1928. And the previous year she was in second place. Incidentally, Clara's vote for last year, as well as 1928, was far ahead of the vote received by the most popular man. Following Clara was Colleen Moore, with Nancy Carroll in third place. This would seem to indicate a rather decided public preference for flappers.

Lon Chaney, voted the most popular male star for 1928, again heads the actors in the newest poll. That he has been a consistent favourite is indicated by the fact that he was in third place for 1927. Following closely on the heels of "the man with a thousand faces" is William Haines, often referred to as "the play boy of the screen." And in third place we find Hoot Gibson, who has replaced Tom Mix as king of the cowboys. This is due largely to the fact that Tom has not made a picture since last spring.

There you have them, the six leaders of the silver screen without a stage name among them—unless you want to consider Nancy Carroll a product of the legitimate theatre. But Nancy deserted the footlights for Hollywood while a very small group of men still were dreaming that someday we might have talking films. Consequently, she has made her reputation on her merits as a screen actress.

Some Stars Excepted.

In justice to a few of our big-time stars such as Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and Harold Lloyd, we must say that this poll is not a fair indication insofar as they are concerned. Since each of them makes only one picture a year, they have little chance of competing at the box office with players making from four to six films yearly.

Chaplin, for example, has not completed a picture since he finished "The Circus" two years ago. His "City Lights" will not be ready until fall.

Fairbanks and Miss Pickford each made only one picture during 1929, their co-starring film, "Taming of the Shrew," having been completed too late for a showing except in a few key cities.

Lloyd was in that same boat. "Speedy" was released in April, 1928, and his last picture, "Welcome Danger," was not shown until late in 1929 and then only in key cities.

SUZANNE IN NEW ROLE.

Now Designer of Sports Clothes.

Having created many feminine sports' fashions, Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, the greatest woman tennis player of her time, now has turned her talents to designing clothes. She has been appointed chief of the sports department of a Paris dressmaking house.

Suzanne is all business. Once the most photographed woman in the world, she now looks upon a newspaper photographer as though he were a near-sighted lineman of a tennis court. When interviewed about her new work she showed no interest in the marriage of Helen Wills, and even less in her reported engagement to Baldwin M. Baldwin, millionaire Californian, who has been in France for several months and often is seen with her.

"Miss Wills?—I wish her happiness," said Suzanne. "Mr. Baldwin?—Oh, but you see that's my business and nobody else's. I'm not going to talk about that.

"This new work, however, is a great adventure for me," she said with enthusiasm. "I mean to make a success of it."

"A Business Woman" Now.

Regarding the possibility of open tennis tournaments and her chance to return, as a professional, to high-class play, Mlle. Lenglen gave little hope for her admirers.

"Of course, I won't give up tennis permanently," she said. "I still love the game, but at present I am a business woman. I still play for pleasure and I may go back to intensive playing at any time. I think that if I trained hard I could be just as good as ever, but from the present outlook I have little hope in open tournaments. Certainly I would fear no woman player."

Mlle. Lenglen will concentrate on sports fashions in her designing. She plans to try out her own ideas on the tennis court and the golf course she offers them to her customers. She is still as slim and graceful as ever.

Led Sports Fashions.

To Mlle. Lenglen, women's sport fashions already owe much. Unquestionably she created the short, sleeveless dress which has now become practically the uniform of the woman tennis player. It was Suzanne, too, who first introduced the famous bandeau for the hair which had such a vogue during her supremacy. In Europe, her bandeau has always competed with the eye-shade which Miss Wills brought over from America.

Mlle. Lenglen put style into her dress. Each day she usually appeared in a tournament with her dark hair adorned with a different coloured bandeau, which always matched the well-cut cardigan jacket she wore over her practical dress when she was resting.

In private life, Mlle. Lenglen always has been an excellent example of the well-dressed French woman and fashionable houses were glad to advertise that she wore their clothes.

A REAL FOUR-OF-A-KIND.

These quadruplets, daughters of Mrs. Sadye Gilmartin of San Francisco have become the "Gale Sisters"—Jane, June, Joan and Jean— and they're as similar as their names. They are the only quadruplets on the stage to-day, are 18 years old per each; measure 5 feet, 4 inches per person and generally manage to tip the scales at exactly 115 pounds. After several years of amateur dancing, they took to the stage two years ago and George White finally landed them on Broadway in "Flying High."

A POOL OF PEACE: STEPS TO ACQUIRE LONE TREE CRATER.

Some time ago, the Rev. P. B. Clayton, Founder Padre of Toc H, announced that steps are well in hand to secure Lone Tree Crater, near Kemel, as a "Pool of Peace." Sir Charles Wakefield has undertaken to bear the cost of purchasing the crater and thus securing it from commercial intrusion. It was originally intended to secure the crater of St. Eloi, in the same district, but it has been decided that Lone Tree Crater, which is larger and on open, rising ground, is more suitable. A view of Lone Tree Crater, looking towards Kemmel Hill and the Scherpenberg. (*Times* copyright.)

Underneath the New Styles

Revealing how the revolution in fashion has made necessary new lines for lovely lingerie

THE changing silhouette has cast its magic shadow on intimate apparel. Presto! Every one of the new gowns now has its counterpart in lingerie.

There are princess slips and fitted panties, Empire combinations and circular sets, step-ins and slips with flounces in dainty lace.

Moreover, the dressmaker touch gives its delicacy to much of the new lingerie. Tucks, fine handwork, lace, and embroidery all decorate it.

Low-waisted slips are out, princess lines and wrap-arounds are in. Slips do not belt the waistline, but fit it so that the gown that goes over them has the advantage of sveltness. The very chic woman now has a lingerie set for each ensemble and dress.

Sports suits take the softly tailored lingerie that is in the same mood as their own spirits. Tailored chemises, shirts, or brassieres with knickers or shorts in satin are quite a favorite.

LINGERIE sets for afternoon and evening wear are made of gossamer-like fabrics, dainty as cobwebs. Low-backed sets are the order of the day, waistlines are fitted and all slips are longer. Nighties may be long or short, but some women are wearing them clear to the floor.

Nightdresses, as a matter of fact, are as studied in cut and trimming as any day dress. Lace yokes, square ones with tiny cap sleeves, or puff sleeves, are very new. Empire lines are used on some of the bridal sets. Demure, round necklines go with the most sophisticated princess cuts.

IF women prefer pajamas for sleeping, there are dainty silken ones quite as feminine as nighties. Sleeveless, some of them now have waistlines and peplums of lace which make them tremendously attractive.

Pajamas for lounging, and negligees, are regal in their beauty this spring.

SATIN, georgette, Alencon, flat crepe, crepe de chine, brocade, lames and all the gamut of exquisite fabrics fashion these. The most authentic ones are very individual in cut, preferring line to decoration. If lace is used, it is apt to be done in exquisite manner, with fine pleating, seaming or godets.

There is less modernistic decoration on lingerie. It is as if a premium were placed on suave, graceful and unobtrusive decoration. The use of several colors that contrast sharply is not good this year. Soft effects are the better choice.

I. FOR wear under a black chiffon evening dress, black chiffon cami-knickers are the proper underpinning.

II. A NEGLIGEE of black chiffon velvet with a transparent design is regal in its loveliness. The sleeves are of black Chantilly lace, worked over in gold thread.

III. A PALE pink georgette evening combination illustrates the return to the princess line in its soft series of tucks. The decollete follows the line of the evening gown which tops it.

IV. SUMPTUOUS for those lounging hours is a white satin pajama suit, with a tuck-in vest with real lace decorating it. The trousers are made with deep tucks flaring at the ankles and the coat has a black and gold leaf design on it for an extra touch of chic.

V. THE new uneven hemline is a feature of the flared skirt in this nightgown of soft beige crepe de chine which uses lace for ornamentation. The lace borders the hemline and the low rounded neck and forms the belt.

VI. PRINCESS lines are equally as distinctive in a nightgown as in a frock, as is demonstrated in this model, whose uneven hemline has a dipping movement. A square of lace makes the upper bodice, and ribbons of the material form a sash bow on the left shoulder to replace the lace strap of the right shoulder.

VII. NEW and stunning is the union of black net and black velvet in a lounge pajama suit. Its trousers reflect the new trend in cut and the entire effect is one of regal beauty.

VIII. EXQUISITE pale peach crepe de chine, with rose beige Alencon dipping to a deep front yoke and extending down the trailing sleeves, adds charm to this ultra-feminine negligee. The sleeves dip their width on the floor. There is a draped feeling to the body of this garment, caught in the front with a jewelled pin.

IX. THE tendency toward the svelt line is revealed in this negligee of off-white satin in gleaming yellow tone. It is made with fitted body line and molded hips that give it a long tube line to where a circular flounce comes in at knee length. Its sleeves are medieval, and no speck of decoration mars the perfection of its line.

THERE is a feeling of understanding between the lace and the fabric it decorates this spring, with rose beige Alencon decorating peach satin, green Ninon and beige lace, white georgette and castor lace, and flesh with cream. Lingerie frequently is especially for the dress with which it will be worn. When this is true, exactly the same lines are followed as in the gown. A dipping movement in the back of an afternoon gown, for example, will be closely followed in the lingerie.

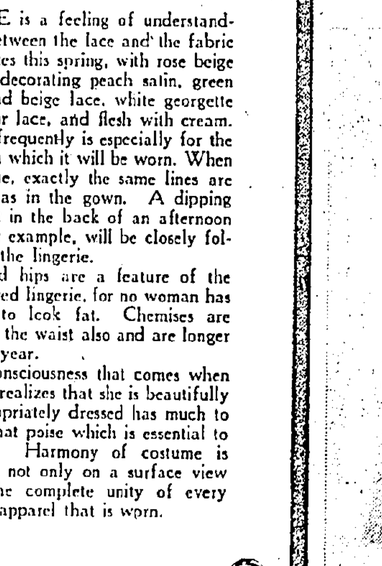
Molded hips are a feature of the new tailored lingerie, for no woman has a desire to look fat. Chemises are shaped to the waist also and are longer than last year.

The consciousness that comes when a woman realizes that she is beautifully and appropriately dressed has much to do with that poise which is essential to loveliness. Harmony of costume is dependent not only on a surface view but on the complete unity of every article of apparel that is worn.

VII black velvet and net in a novel lounge pajama suit

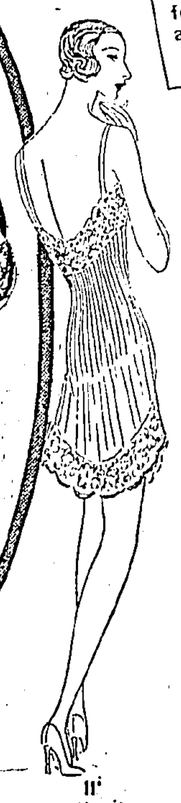
VIII ultra feminine lines in a new peach crepe de chine negligee

I black chiffon cami knickers for wear under a black chiffon evening dress



VI princess lines make distinctive this nightie in crepe de chine

II a negligee of black chiffon velvet with lace sleeves



III a pale pink georgette combination for evening

IV white satin lounging suit with coat and tuck-in vest

V a new uneven hemline for a beige colored nightgown

sketches from Maison Worth, Paris—photos from Bergdorf-Goodman, N. Y.

IX lovely as a piece of sculpture is this golden-white satin negligee with a cowl collar, circular flounce, medieval sleeves

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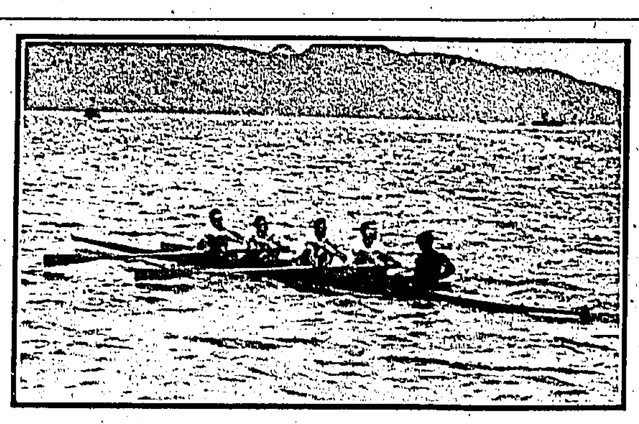
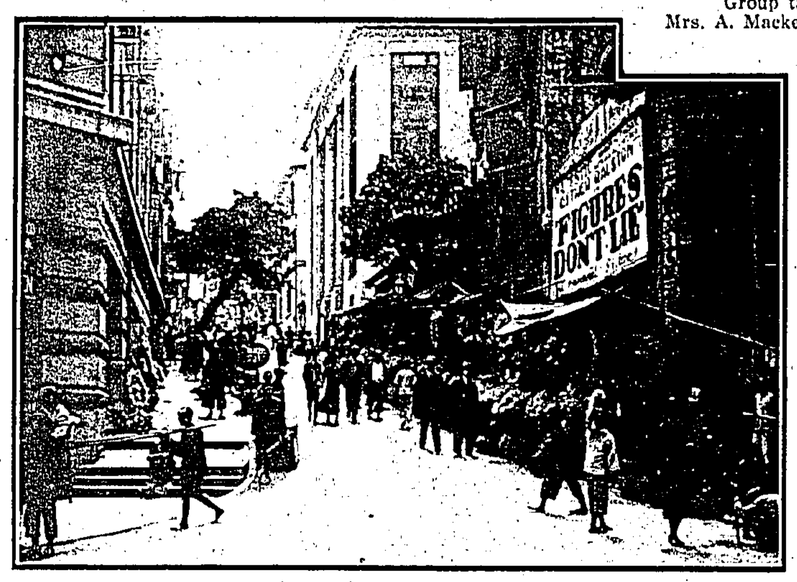
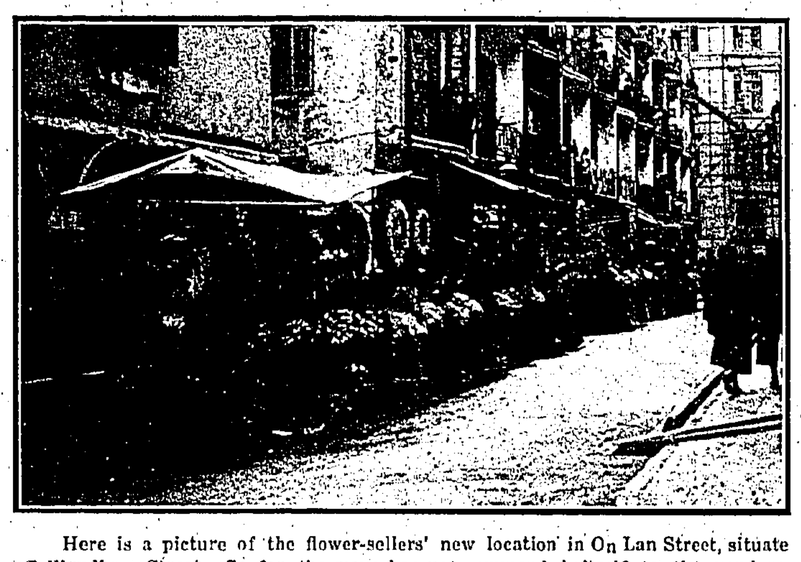


The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's Senior Four at practice for the contest with the Canton Rowing Club and the V.R.C. at the Club's closing cruise on the 12th instant. Bow, R. S. Robertson; No. 2, H. Dulley; No. 3, G. T. Padgett; stroke, J. G. H. Lander.

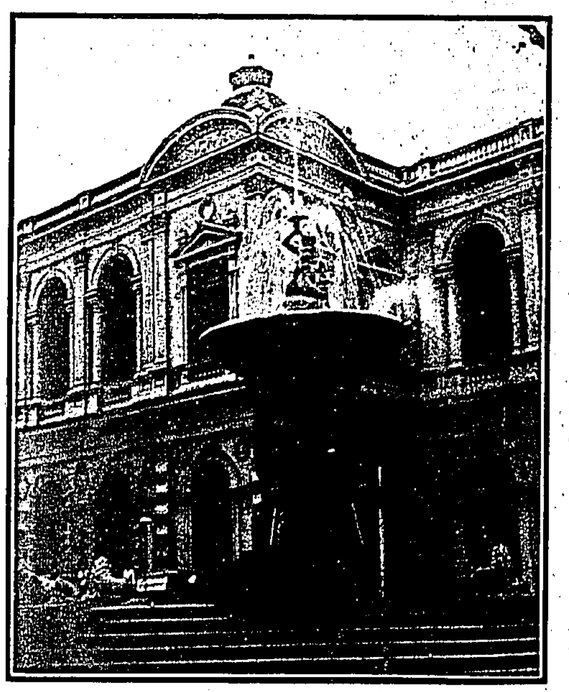
Group taken on Nurses' Graduation Day at the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, when Mrs. A. Mackenzie (seated in centre) presented the certificates. The event took place last week. (Photo: A Fong).



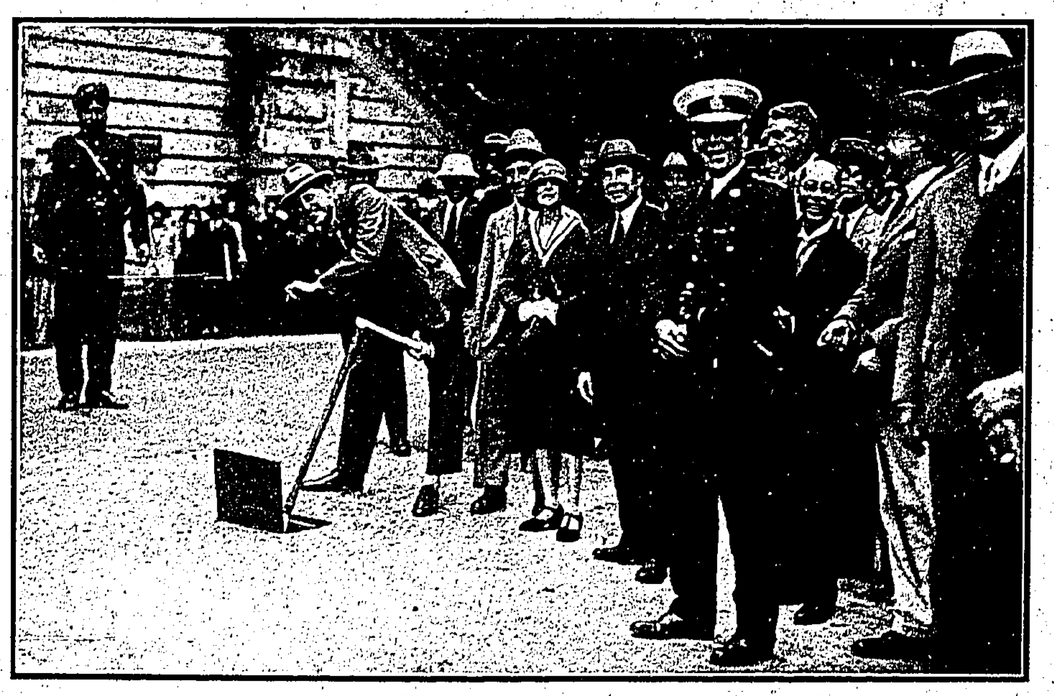
A sight which is now a thing of the past—the flower vendors at their stalls in Wyndham Street, which they have occupied for more than 50 years. They have had to move in consequence of the demolition of Yee Sang Fat Building. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Here is a picture of the flower-sellers' new location in On Lan Street, situate off Wyndham Street. So far, the move has not commended itself to the vendors, who say business has suffered by the change. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



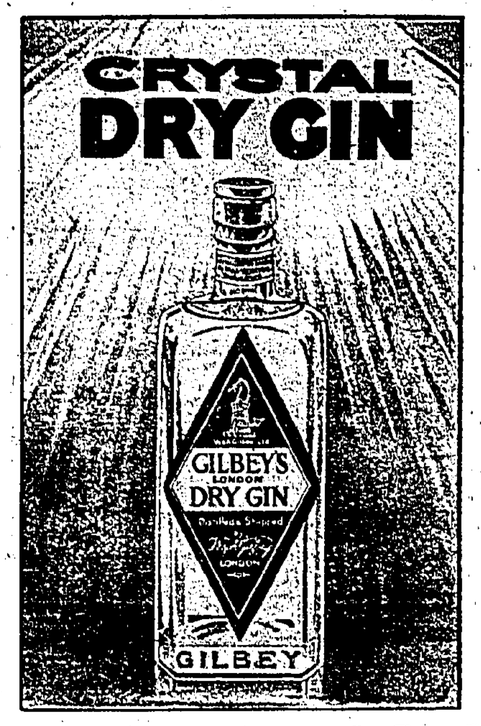
The City Hall fountain as it appeared on Monday, when it was charged with water brought across the harbour by the new pipe-line from Shing Mun Valley. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



Monday was a historic day for the Colony, as it witnessed the official ceremony of opening the harbour pipe-line by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government. His Excellency is here shown in the act of turning the valve so as to permit Shing Mun Valley water being played from the City Hall fountain. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

This group was taken on the occasion of the recent "At Home" given by the students of Lugard Hall, Hongkong University, to Professor and Mrs. Roffey, who are seen seated one on either side of Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University. (Photo: A. Fong).

General Chan Ming-shu of Canton, facing camera, is here seen arriving on a visit which he recently paid to the native village of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen at Chui Hang.



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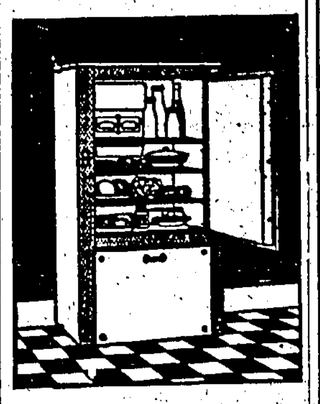

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1930.

THE NEW WAR.

These are anxious days for the Nanking Government, which once again has to face a serious challenge to its authority anl existence. Hopes were high, some little time back, that the Kuominchun-Shansi revolt had been finally disposed of and that the Nationalists would be able to settle down and give serious attention to the many problems which cry aloud for treatment. Unhappily, events have falsified expectations, with the result that to-day the Nanking Administration seems destined to fight a defensive war against enemies who at the moment have a decided preponderance of strength in the vital area.

As one traces the developments of the past few weeks, it would seem that the rebellious armies have outwitted the Nationalists in strategy. It was first believed that the allied Kuominchun and Shansi forces intended swooping down on Hupeh with the idea of attacking Hankow and Wuchang. This supposed plan appears to have deceived the Nationalists, inasmuch as subsequent happenings indicate that it was in reality a "blind" to divert attention from the preparations being made to permit of a converging of the allies on the Lung-Hai Railway, in an effort to enter Shantung and, if possible, seize Tsinan, the capital. A considerable measure of success has already marked this adventure, and the precariousness of the Nationalist hold on the Province is shown by the reported intention to give up the city. At the same time, the invaders appear to aim at the capture of Tsingtao, in order to secure an outlet to the sea. The Nationalists evidently realise the seriousness of the situation, and their forces are said to be concentrating between Yenchow and Hsuchow: in other words, they are shortening their defence lines, allegedly in deference to the views of their German advisers. It is interesting in this connexion to recall that similar tactics were adopted, also on German advice, when some little time back the Kwangsi invaders got perilously near Canton.

Should the invaders succeed in seizing Tsinan, Nanking itself would be placed in jeopardy, as the use of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway would greatly facilitate the task of the Kuominchun and Shansi troops. Moreover, the position of Shanghai would also be extremely awkward in such an eventuality. The events of the next few days in Shantung therefore appear to be charged with the utmost importance, and the whole trend of the future struggle looks like being influenced by what happens there. As to the cause of the war, however much the rebel leaders may declare their concern for the future welfare of the people, it is evident that the whole matter once again boils down to a struggle for power. The Peiyang leaders, as we see the situation, are not so much opposed to the Kuomintang as to Chiang Kai-shek, the ousting of whom from power is what they really seek. The question as to whether he can retain his leadership is very open at the moment. Indeed, it is possible that his Government will be overthrown. We can only bemoan this fresh upheaval, which must add complications to an already confused situation. The least we can hope for, apparently, is an early decision one way or the other.

Pillion Riding.

The case which came before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday involving a motor cyclist who was summoned for not having full control of his machine by carrying two passengers on the pillion draws attention to the fact that the local regulations make no provision for the control of this practice. We consider that pillion riding is a perfectly safe and legitimate means of transport providing certain rules making for the safety of both the driver and the pillion passenger are observed. The Road Bill recently introduced in England controls, we understand, pillion riding insofar as sitting sideways is concerned. This, according to the Bill, is forbidden, but the new law allows pillion passengers to ride astride. We suggest that some such provision in the local traffic regulations would be a wise one and at the same time it would be as well to lay down definitely that only one pillion passenger is to be carried. There may be circumstances when a driver has perfect control over his machine even with two passengers behind him, but it is obvious that his control is not so effective as if he were the only rider or even had one pillion passenger. We are in agreement with the Magistrate's view as expressed to the rider who was cautioned and trust that the traffic authorities will take the necessary steps to see that in future the point is definitely covered in the traffic regulations. Astride pillion riding only should be permitted, for this gives the rider and passenger a greater sense of security and makes for their own personal safety and that of other users of the road. Some motor cyclists cannot apparently decide on a limit of safety and when summoned fall back on the plea that such and such a practice is not forbidden by the regulations. The opportunity is now created for the traffic authorities to decide on a policy which can leave no doubts in the minds of motor cyclists as to whether an offence is being committed or not.

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Rio	5.13/16
Buenos Aires	44.1/16
Bombay	1/5.13/16
Shanghai	1/10¾
Hongkong	1/6
Yokohama	2/0.13/32
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Silver (forward)	19.5/16

—*British Wireless.*

DAY BY DAY.

THE MORE NUMEROUS PUBLIC INSTRUMENTALITIES BECOME, THE MORE IS THERE GENERATED IN CITIZENS THE NOTION THAT EVERYTHING IS TO BE DONE FOR THEM, AND NOTHING BY THEM. — *Herbert Spencer.*

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The Secretary of State for the Colonies has appointed Miss E. C. Shanley as nursing sister, Hongkong.

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Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen has been appointed an Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

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Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin has been reappointed a Member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.

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Dr. A. V. Greaves has been appointed to act as Government Bacteriologist during the absence on leave of Dr. E. P. Minett

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The King's Exequatur empowering Herr Bruno Hahn to act as German Consul at Hongking has received His Majesty's signature.

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Among the latest appointments announced by the Admiralty is that of Surgeon Lieut. D. Duncan, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., to H.M.S. Tamar, dated April 1st.

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The King's Exequatur empowering Senor Don Gustavo Luders De Negri to act as Mexican Consul-General in London for Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

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Tenders are invited for the supply of two flat bottom hardwood barges for the Sanitary Department. The cost is not to exceed $28,000 Hongkong currency.

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His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Mr. T. H. R. Shaw to be a Member of the Harbour Board, vice Mr. Robert Sutherland, O.B.E.

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Tenders are being invited for the construction of a road from the Kowloon-Castle Peak Road near Tsun Wan Police Station to Seton Point with drainage and other contingent work.

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The Hon. Mr. Ts'o Seen-wan, O.B.E., LL.D., the Rev. A. D. Stewart and the Rev. Frank Short, have been reappointed Members of the Board of Education for a further period of two years.

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It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, the South China Trade Protection Association, Limited will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register and the Company will be dissolved.

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His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Major H.B.L. Dowbiggin to act as Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, during the absence on leave of Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E.

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The Government has accepted the following tenders:—Messrs. Lai To Construction Co., $43,500, for reconditioning roads in the new Territories; Messrs. Tung Hing Co., $745.80 for the supply and making up of summer uniforms for Revenue Officers etc.

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Passengers due to arrive in Hongkong on the Kashgar next week include Mr. A. R. Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Buller, Mr. T. H. Chaplin, Mr. R. T. W. Foster, Mr. R. A. Fawcett, Mr. T. Gofton, Mr. H. G. Gardner, Mr. W. H. Heggie, Mr. G. Lane, Miss P. M. Murray, Mr. A. Murdoch, Miss M. J. Mold, Mr. K. C. North, Miss C. Olive, Major G. St. G. Robinson, D.S.O., M.C., Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Worthington.

THE EXPORTS CREDIT SCHEME.

TO BE EXTENDED FOR FIVE YEARS.

A Bill is to be introduced by the Government to extend the operation of the Export Credit Scheme until March, 1935. Under existing legislation, the Scheme lapses in September next year. An extension has been decided upon in order to remove uncertainty from the minds of exporters.

This has been rendered more necessary by the increasing number of exporters who are taking advantage of the facilities provided for insuring against risk of bad debts abroad.

Nearly one thousand new connexions have been made during the past year, and since July, 1926, contracts concluded under the scheme amount to nearly £18,000,000.

The new Bill will not increase the maximum liability of the Government, which is £23,000,000.—*British Wireless.*

The Return of Eunice.

By Elinor Slim.

CHAPTER VIII.—EUNICE TAKES CHARGE.

In the wardrobe was the most amazing collection of bottles that Eunice had ever seen. Round ones, square ones, tall ones, short ones, white labels, black labels and labels of all the colours of the rainbow.

"Special occasion," said Kuttle. "What's yours, Mrs. Lockhead?" "I think I might take a little whisky and soda," said the old lady, somewhat to the astonishment of Eunice who had temporarily forgotten some of the quaint habits of one or two of her Hongkong friends.

"You must have one too, dearest. A mixed vermouth?" he said, turning to his wife with a timid smile.

Eunice certainly did not mean to make a habit of joining her husband in his indulgences, but it seemed to be the right thing to do on that occasion. Anyhow Mrs. Lockhead was having one, and vermouth was rather nice. But she resolved to bring up the question of those bottles in the wardrobe at the first opportunity. That was a bachelor practice no wife could be expected to approve of.

The whisky-soda seemed to have a good effect on Mrs. Lockhead. She became quite affable. "We have all been looking forward to your arrival," she said to Eunice. "I do hope you play Contract. You'll just fit in and we can have a regular four." This was a stunner for Eunice. She knew that Contract was the fashionable variation of that horrible game called Bridge—the game she had tried so hard to learn in Hongkong,—but she did not expect to find people in an out of the way corner of the world like Chaomoy, who played it. And especially an old lady with one foot in the grave like Mrs. Lockhead. But she did not give herself away. "Oh, yes, I'm awfully interested in it," was her diplomatic reply. "But I don't know whether I shall be up to your standard." She wanted to see what other offers there were before she joined forces with this old woman who was certainly a bit eccentric and might not be in with the set that it would suit her best to join.

"Your husband will be happy now, poor thing; I've been so sorry for him," the old lady continued. "He's been so lonely since he lost his goat. But he's had his garden and that's helped a lot, of course. But there you are. What is there for a man to do in a place like this? I used to make my husband knit. It's a fine thing for a man."

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At this moment Mrs. M'Clusky arrived, and the rest of Mrs. Lockhead's remarks on the proper care of husbands was lost in the commotion. There was always a commotion wherever Mrs. M'Clusky was. She was a tall thin woman who wore horn rimmed spectacles and was one of the world's well doers. In one breathless torrent of words she expressed her pleasure at meeting Mrs. Kuttle, her relief at their escape from harm, her hope that she would be an active worker for the betterment of the community, and her joy that husband and wife were reunited. Eunice was overwhelmed and was silent. But that did not stop the flood, which continued for several minutes.

Then Mrs. M'Clusky suddenly discovered that it was time she was home. The children had to have their baths, and there was *not a moment to lose.* She grabbed Mrs. Lockhead by the arm. "You'll come with us, of course; we'll look after you," and the poor old lady was hustled away. M'Clusky reluctantly followed, and was not even allowed to stay long enough for Kuttle to pour out the other half. When they had gone, Eunice breathed a sigh of relief. If all the ladies in Chaomoy were as unusual as the pair she had met, it was going to be much more difficult to take charge of things and run them here than it had been in Hongkong. They were certainly not behind the times and one could hardly call them lacking in personality. Eunice's picture of herself as the Number One lady in the port began to fade into the background.

However, she was too tired to worry about questions of this kind. She was glad to be alone with her husband at last, and as soon as they had disposed of a meal that the boy called "Dinner," Eunice and her husband went to bed. It had been an eventful day.

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Early next morning Kuttle was up and out on the verandah anxiously looking out towards the town. He wanted to see if the hong flag over his office was flying, and when he saw the glorious yellow and purple banner of the Anglo Chinese Piece Goods Association waving in the morning breeze he was much relieved. It was evidence that the building was still standing, and his fear that it might possibly have collapsed during the earthquake was dispelled.

"I'll be back soon dearest. There's nothing to do, of course, but I must just run down and see that the office is still there."

He tripped merrily down the steps and strode through the garden with jaunty tread. At the gate he turned and waved to Eunice who was watching him from the front porch. It was not so bad being married again. At any rate, there was no wretched Compradore's book to fill up just before he started off in the morning.

Eunice watched him until he was out of sight, and then turned into the house. Her first job was to get things running smoothly in the house. She realised that all her vast powers of organisation would be needed to transform the establishment into a home, and wasted no time in beginning on the great work. A good start is half the battle, as the Vicar used to say, and she meant to start well.

There would be no nonsense about thirteen eggs a day, while she was in charge. Everything would be properly checked up. She called the boy. That morning they had had an omelette for breakfast, and the boy had told her that three eggs had been used for it. "Boy, bring me the eggshells?"

The boy was prepared for shocks, but this was quite unexpected.

"I no savvy, Mississee. What thing, eggshell?"

"I want the eggshells. You know very well what I mean. I want to see the shells of the eggs that we had this morning for breakfast."

"No belong my pidgin, missessee. Belong cook pidgin."

"All right. Tell cook to come to me at once."

By the time the cook appeared from the nether regions he had been well primed by the boy. He was polite but on the defensive. None of his former employers had ever taken any interest in eggshells. But they had all had fads of some kind or another, and perhaps this fad might turn out to be harmless. On the other hand there might be a catch somewhere. It behoved him to be careful. The cook shuttered and it took him some time to reply. "Eggshell have b' b' b' break, M' M' Mississee."

"Never mind I want to see them. Bring them here at once." "All light m' m' mississee. I g' g' g' go l' l' Looksee. Maybe coolie have throw away."

He returned a few minutes later, solemnly carrying a tray. On the tray was a plate, and on the plate, a few scraps of eggshell. Eunice eyed them severely and touched them lightly with her fingers. "We had three eggs for breakfast this morning, cook, but there aren't three shells here. Now remember. In future I must see all the shells of all the eggs we use."

The cook smiled deferentially. "All light m' m' m' mississsee. Evely time I sh'show you." This was easy. He had no objection

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WHO WAS—

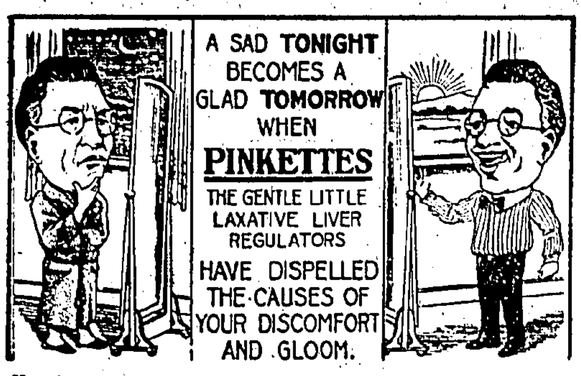
SIR PAUL PLYANT?

Nature had never intended Sir Paul Plyant to play the role of the hen-pecked husband when she gave him a temper that was hot and stubborn, and a beard that was long and bristling. But Nature, in fashioning Sir Paul on the model of a martinet, had reckoned without another of her own handiworks, the second Lady Plyant, a formidable mixture of the virago and the flirt.

So completely under midday's thumb was Sir Paul that he dared not even open his own correspondence. Not until his wife had first scanned it, was it handed to him.

Strange to relate, the knight hardly resented his thraldom. He was infatuated by his domineering wife, infatuated to the point of blindness, so that her faults and her flirtations went unperceived by him.

One of the most amusing scenes in Congreve's comedy, "The Double Dealer" shows Sir Paul, his head crested and crowned in a scarlet flannel night-cap, going meekly to bed out of Lady Plyant's way.



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Don't Say "Don't."

GOOD ADVICE TO MOTHERS

To be constantly saying to a child "Don't do this; don't do that," is to be erecting a wall of opposition.

A high-spirited, vigorous child feels in the word "Don't"—a challenge. He must reply to it by so-called perversity in order to establish his strength.

Not only this. An intelligent, logical child wants to know the reason for an arbitrary command. Blindly to accept all the "Don'ts" that are hurled at him induces a slavish, not conscious, obedience.

Of course, there are many occasions of emergency and a few of real naughtiness, when it is impossible to say anything but "Don't." But once a child realises that such an order is only given when absolutely necessary, he will very soon learn to obey.

How many times a day do you unnecessarily say "Don't" to your child? Of course, it is much less trouble than to give reasons. It is a habit that grows so easily.

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Instead of a negative command, try a positive suggestion. Propose some other occupation or interest. If possible, give the child a job of work, and let him feel that he is being of real use.

For instance, refrain from saying, "Johnnie, don't keep picking off the heads of the flowers." Say, "Johnnie, do hold my basket for me, it's getting so heavy."

Not "Johnnie, don't tease the dog," but "Johnnie, do get the dog a bowl of fresh water he looks so thirsty."

Be constructive, not destructive. By the time the child has carried our your suggestion he will probably have forgotten what he was doing before. Hardly ever is he doing something which is wrong in itself. It is usually harmless, but happens to be inconvenient or aggravating to his elders.

It is difficult at first to restrain that hasty "Don't." But if it be possible to exchange it for a "Do" your patience will be well repaid. You will be saved from becoming a nagger (a dreadful fate), and the child, instead of feeling constantly guilty and thwarted, will be reasonable and ready to do his share.

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Let Us Converse.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF US.

We regard conversation as one of the lost arts; to-day we are in such a hurry that we just talk. But if, as one newspaper tells us, "Conversation" is replacing "Music," "Bridge" or "Cocktails" on the corner of an invitation card, it seems as if an effort is being made to resurrect it.

Will it succeed? What an intellectual joy if it does, and the Salons of our forefathers come to their own again, and music is left for music lovers, and cards and cocktails for those deficient in the gentle art of conversation!

Will it succeed? I wonder! So much depends on the hostess—and I am sure we all know charming, kindly ladies who take their hospitality seriously, and yet manage to quell their guests. I know one such hostess—and one such guest—who says plaintively, "She always makes me feel like a lump of dough, and I know the raising powder has been left out!" Yet this hostess means well, it is just imagination that is lacking.

The Ideal Hostess.

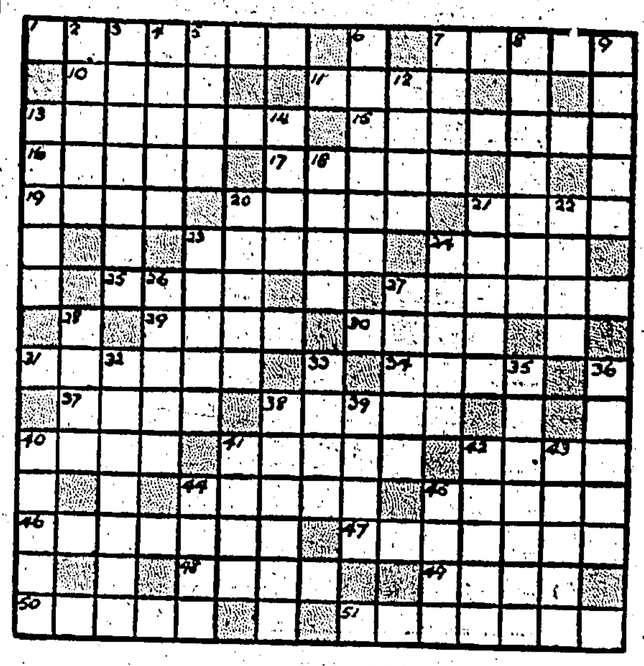
The ideal hostess brings out the best in us all. Her keen interest restores our shattered selfrespect. We know we have something worth saying, and are not afraid to say it. With such a hostess, who excels in the rare and neglected art of listening, and with guests who realise their responsibility, and honestly try to converse, who knows to what heights the modern salon might rise?

Just in case we receive such an invitation, let us consider what is required of us—and what is not. Some of the most brilliant talkers and thinkers cannot be called conversationalists—they lecture, or merely think! A lighter touch than this is needed; give-and-take, and an intense interest in as many topics as possible—not merely our own pet subjects, but those of other people.

Surely no exceptional intellect is needed for this, though it may require practice, and our national habits of reserve do not encourage it. But for this very reason we need "conversation" all the more, to broaden our interests, and strengthen our powers of self-expression, and bring us nearer the people with whom we might play bridge for months on end without getting to know them!

M.F.M. *In Exchange.*

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



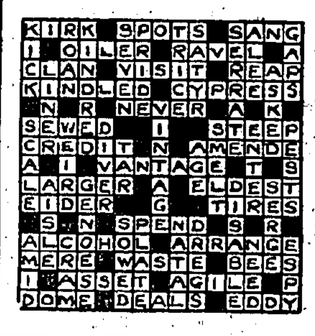
Across

1 Across.
7 Moisten.
10 Heed.
11 Part of the verb to be.
13 Bartering.
15 Conversation.
16 Poor cottage.
17 Take to oneself.
19 Marsh plant.
20 Fun.
21 Concrete.
23 Used.
24 Destiny.
25 Satisfy.
27 Take off.
29 Ship.
30 Grief.
31 Indirect way.
34 Loud noise.
37 Contest.
38 Artificial waterway.
40 Green (French).
41 Airman.
42 Air.
44 Organ of the body.
45 Measuring machine.
46 First.
47 Make shorter.
48 Killed.
49 Stepped.
50 Lodge.
51 Make clean.

Down

2 Agony.
3 Paradises.
4 Paddled.
5 Extra seed covering.
6 Account.
7 Narrow band.
8 Turn aside.
9 The earth.
12 Transported.
13 Pitch.
14 Have mouth open.
18 Puts on.
20 Lance.
21 Harbour.
22 Recline.
23 Robust.
24 Decisive.
26 Around.
27 Shut out.
28 Beautiful young woman.
32 Explosive shell.
33 Den.
35 Excessive eater.
36 Strict.
38 Wine.
39 Fishing utensils.
40 Kind of snake.
41 Touch.
42 Earth.
43 Wants.
44 Hark!
45 Speck.

Yesterday's Solution.



HOME WRECKED BY DANCE CRAZE.

FATHER OF SEVEN DESERTS HIS WIFE.

An elderly man's craze for dancing and his infatuation for his dance partner, a widow with five children, was given as the reason he deserted his wife—with whom he had lived happily for 20 years—when he was summoned at Willesden.

In ordering Edward John Dray, of Adelaide-rd., Shepherd's Bush, to pay his wife 25s. a week and the costs of the case, Mr. W. B. Luke, the magistrate, said:—

I think that before long you will feel ashamed of this foolish conduct. For an elderly man such as you are to indulge in dancing and have a regular partner for whom you forsake your wife, is simply ludicrous. I think your mind must be temporarily unstrung.

Mrs. Dray, who lives at Roundswoodroad, Willesden, said she and her husband had been hard-working people and had brought up seven children very happily until their home was ruined by his craze for dancing.

He became vice-president of a dance club. At first she also went to the dances, but he told her she was too heavy and awkward, and she agreed to his having the widow as a partner.

She objected, however, when the widow sent for him every night, and there was a scene.

Mr. Dray admitted the desertion. "I could not live on the edge of a volcano any longer, after my wife became jealous of the woman I danced with," he said.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THOUGHTS.

E ECTRIC POWERS IN AN IDEA.

Photographs of thoughts and measurements of cogitations are among the latest marvels of science.

Muscular reaction to a thought-wave, it is said, can be expressed in terms of electrical energy. It is now held to be certain that mental processes are functions involving the whole body, rather than the brain alone.

Dr. Edmund Jacobson, of Chicago University, declares, after two years of experiments, that thoughts, in a final analysis reduce themselves to nerve-and-music reactions, which are measurable.

He does not measure the idea as it exists in the brain; but registers the muscular outgrowth of the thought.

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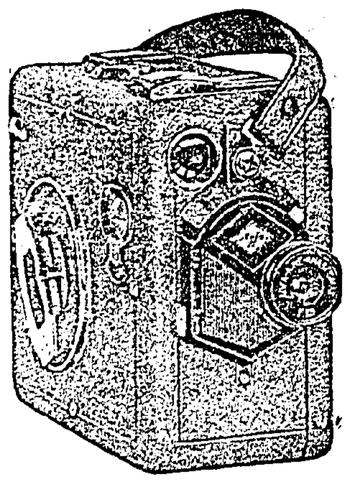

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MR. GANDHI'S LETTER.

NOT A THREAT BUT A "SACRED DUTY"

Mr. Gandhi's "ultimatum" to the Viceroy, which was delivered by Mr. Reynolds, an Englishman, begins: "Dear Friend,—Before embarking upon civil disobedience and taking the risk which I have dreaded all these years, I would fain approach you and find a way out. My personal faith is absolutely clear. I hold British rule to be a curse, but I do not intend to harm a single Englishman or any legitimate interest which he may have in India."

"The resolution for independence," he continues, "should not cause alarm if the word Dominion Status mentioned in your announcement was used in the accepted sense, for has it not been admitted by responsible British statesmen that Dominion Status is virtual independence? Since that announcement, however, many things have happened which show unmistakably the trend of British policy. It is clear as day-light that responsible British statesmen do not contemplate any alteration of British policy that might adversely affect Britain's commerce with India or that would require an impartial and close scrutiny of Britain's transactions with India. If nothing is done to end the process of exploitation, India must be bled with increasing speed.

"The party of violence is gaining ground and making itself felt. Having an unquestioning and immovable faith in the efficacy of non-violence it would be sinful on my part to wait longer. This non-violence will be expressed through civil disobedience, which, for the moment, will be confined to the inmates of Satyagraha Ashram (Gandhi's College), but is ultimately designed to cover all those who choose to join the movement."

The Salt Tax.

"I know that in embarking upon non-violence I shall be running what might fairly be termed a mad risk, but victories for truth are never won without risks, often of the gravest character.

"This letter is in no wise intended as a threat, but as a simple and sacred duty."

Mr. Gandhi concludes his ultimatum by saying: "If you cannot see your way to deal with these evils, and if my letter does not appeal to your heart, on March 11, I shall proceed with such co-workers from the Ashram as I can take for disregarding the provisions of the Salt Tax, which is most iniquitous from the poor man's point of view and should never have disfigured the Statute Book. It is open to you to frustrate my design by arresting me, but I hope that there will be tens of thousands ready in a disciplined manner to take up the work after me."

Writing in his paper, "Young India," "on the eve of battle," Mr. Gandhi says, "I am not intent on a fight. I am leaving no stone unturned to avoid it, but I am ready for it the moment I find no honourable way out of it."

Mr. Gandhi adds that his letter was not an ultimatum, but a friendly, if also frank, communication from one who considers himself a friend of Englishmen.

"MYSTERY MAN" OF DIAMONDS.

POKER TO PUT MR. JOEL IN GOOD HUMOUR.

The case in which Mr. Solomon Barnato Joel, Mr. Jack Barnato Joel, and other members of a syndicate said to control the world's diamond output and prices, are alleged to have defrauded the United Diamond Fields of British Guiana, Ltd., was resumed before Mr. Justice McCardie in the King's Bench Division recently.

It is alleged that the plaintiff company, which was formed in 1926, was ruined within a year by a fraudulent policy of the syndicate, through Mr. Otto Oppenheimer (one of the defendants), in preventing the company selling them the diamonds which they were bound to take, and so helping the syndicate from being flooded with diamonds after a big find in South Africa. The defendants deny the allegations.

Continuing his speech for the plaintiff company, Sir Patrick Hastings said £500,000 was lost and th company was now suing the defendants for having ruined it.

"I am going to ask you to say that there is ample evidence that the Syndicate conspired with Mr. Otto Oppenheimer to produce this result, but whether there was a form of conspiracy or not I shall ask you to say that the Syndicate is responsible for the fraud and that everything done by Mr. Oppenheimer was on their behalf."

Sir Patrick Hastings concluded a six-hours' speech by referring to Otto Oppenheimer as a "man of mystery."

Mr. Victor Coen, of Purley, giving evidence, said that during a discussion regarding the price to be paid for diamonds from British Guiana, Mr. Oppenheimer told him that "we were getting the best contract the Diamond Syndicate had ever given, and that he would have to go and lose £250 at poker to Solly Joel to get him in a good humour, and then he would give us better terms."

Mr. Coen added that when the company asked for an expert to be appointed in British Guiana, Mr. Otto Oppenheimer sent out a dancing instructor who knew nothing about diamonds.

The hearing was adjourned.

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Announcing the fact in a memorandum accompanying the Air Estimates, Lord Thomson, Secretary for Air, states that the trials are essential in order to obtain the necessary data before a commercial service can be established.

At present the journey from England to India by aeroplane occupies eight days. But, whereas the aeroplane must fly by stages and during the day only, an airship could make a "non-stop hop" probably from Cardington (Bedfordshire) to Karachi.

The R101 has at present a speed of about 70 miles an hour, but for successful commercial working it would be necessary to use ships capable of cruising at a steady speed of at least 80 miles an hour throughout the journey, and with a reserve of power sufficient to fight through adverse weather without losing speed.

Over a route of just over 4,000 miles, flying night and day, such a ship should cover the journey in a little over two days and two nights.

The R101 is now at Cardington undergoing extensive alterations which are expected greatly to increase her performance. At Karachi a huge mooring mast and shed have been prepared for her reception. The trip will not in any way be a flight after records.

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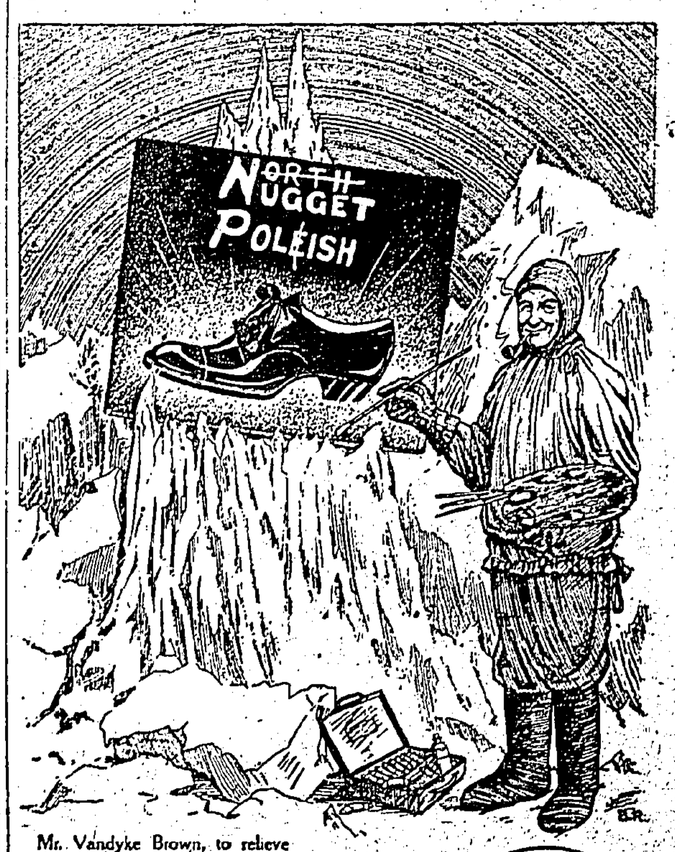

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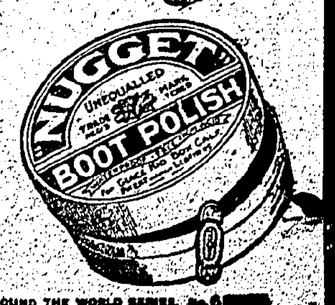

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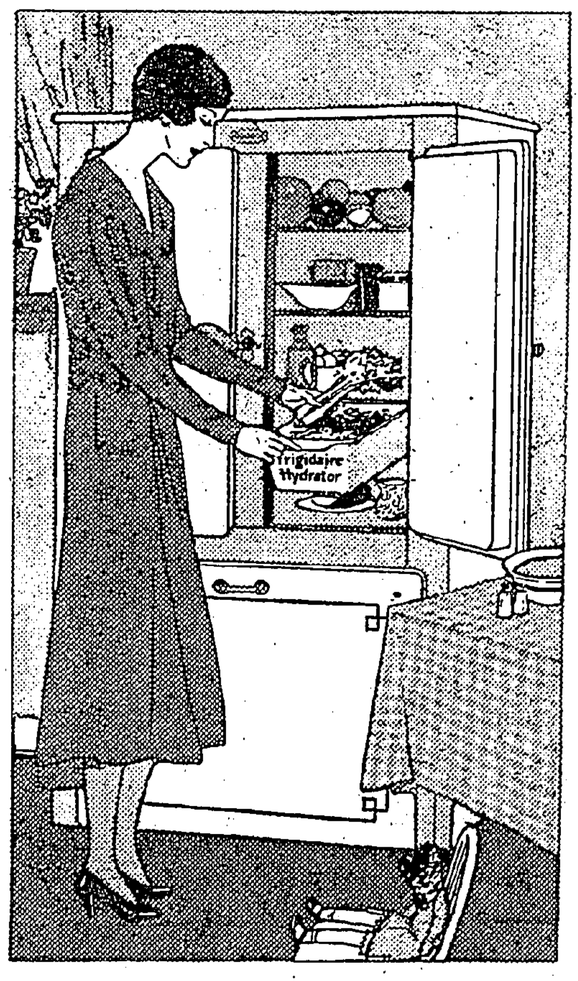

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March, 31st 1930.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry forms for the 4th Extra Race Meeting to be held on **SATURDAY, 19th** and on **MONDAY, 21st April, 1930,** (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at **12 o'clock noon on THURSDAY, 10th April, 1930.**

HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion on **Tuesday, 15th April, 1930 at 5.30 p.m.**

Business:

To receive the Report and Statement of Accounts for 1929.

To elect Officers and the General Committee for the ensuing year.

To receive entries for the League (N. B. Owing to the delay in the calling of this Meeting, it is here stated that clubs should their entries at this meeting).

General.

By Order,

D. S. Green,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

Tennis Tournament.

Booking for RESERVED SEATS to witness the Semi-Final matches of the Open Championship Singles and Doubles will open at Messrs Moutrie & Co, on **MONDAY, 7th April.** Subject to weather condition the following dates have been arranged:—

Tuesday, 8th April, E. C. and E. F. Fincher v. Winners of 3rd Rd. match.

Wednesday, 9th April, S. A. Rumjahn v. T. Honda.

Thursday, 10th April, E. C. Fincher v. Winner of 4th Rd. match.

Friday, 11th April, C. A. L. Rumjahn & J. A. E. Cassumbhoy v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Third Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 5th April, 1930, commencing at 2 p.m.

The first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Passes admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at 2/ for Gentlemen and 1/ for Ladies, are obtainable from the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all Chits, &c.

Passes admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges entitling the holders to the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $1 for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1930.

CHURCH NOTICES.

To-morrow the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

LOCAL SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong. April 6th 1930. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m. Children's Service 10 a.m. Sunday School at Peak School 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher The Dean. Evensong 6 p.m. LECTURE at 6.30 p.m. followed by discussion. Subject "Should one go to Church?" Speaker: Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A. Vicar of St. Andrew's, Kowloon

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station. Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject "Unreality." The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings, at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room. Branch of The Mother Church. The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass, U.S.A.

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COUNCIL ELECTION.

J. P.'S TO ELECT MEMBER SHORTLY.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that an election by the Justices of the Peace of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Legislative Council, during the absence of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., will take place at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Friday, the 11th inst. commencing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The ballot-box will be closed at 5.30 p.m.

Justices of the Peace who are Government officials are not entitled to take part in these proceedings.

Every candidate must be nominated in writing by one Justice and seconded by another and the nomination delivered to the First Magistrate not later than Wednesday, the 9th instant.

BRITAIN & EGYPT.

GOOD PROGRESS IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.

London, April 4.

Negotiations for the conclusion of an Anglo-Egyptian Treaty were continued at a meeting in the Foreign Office to-day.

Various points were discussed in the light of observations furnished by the Egyptian delegation, and good progress was made. A further meeting has been arranged for Monday.—*British Wireless.*

THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING.

PRESIDENT HALL SHOULD LIFT BIG RACE.

(By "Ringtail").

After the wonderful showing that President Hall has been making in all his recent races there does not seem to be much use looking behind him for the winner of the Aggregate Stakes which is the principal race on this afternoon's programme. This and several of the other races have secured good-class entries, and allowing for a liberal number of scratchings in each event, fair sized fields should be seen, especially in the handicap races which number seven.

Punters will be in a bad plight owing to the absence of the crack jockey, Mr. A. J. P. Heard, who is unfortunately confined to the Peak Hospital with an eye ailment.

Mr. Arnold, too, I hear, is on the sick list but will endeavour to ride Zophyr in the second race, after which he intends to take a rest on the members' stand.

There should be some excellent racing in the handicaps, as Mr. C. M. S. Alves, the Official Handicapper, has managed to set backers some knotty problems to solve in these particular races. This, with the absence of "Johnny," should mean the paying out of some big dividends.

My selections are:

1st Race.

1 Teuchit.
2 Dunce.
3 Osiris.

2nd Race.

1 Thunderbolt.
2 The Jamaica.
3 Tonbridge.

3rd Race.

1 Abel.
2 Christmas Belle.
3 Imperial Hall.

4th Race.

1 President Hall.
2 Nationalist II.
3 African Eve.

5th Race.

1 Boxing Eve.
2 King's Colour.
3 Carnival Eve.

6th Race.

1 Witty Shag.
2 Christmas Frolic.
3 Blue Heaven.

7th Race.

1 Iron Blood.
2 Thracian.
3 Peter Gurney.

8th Race.

1 Four Clubs.
2 Chesapeake Bay.
3 Fifty Fifty.

9th Race.

1 The Pheasant.
2 Grand Tatto Eve.
3 Orlando.

10th Race.

1 Arabian Sea.
2 Happy Day.
3 Mountain Oak.

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Mr. Young, in a recent address, expressed the hope of seeing the pages of the London *Times* flashed to New York "with zip."—*Leader's American Service.*

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $1400 sa.
Chartered Bank, £18½ n.
Mercantile A. & B., £30 n.
East Asia $103 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $815 b.
Union Ins., $445 sa.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b
Yangtsze Ins., $50 n.
China Underwriters, $1.40 b.
China Fires, $355 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $900 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, $22¾ n.
H. K. Steamboats, $26½ s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $60 s.
Union Waterboats $26 b.

Mining.

Benguets, $6.85 b.
Kailans, 53 9 s
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n
Raubs, $20 b
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $155 s.
Whampoa Docks, $35½ b.
China Provident $5 40 n.
Hongkews, Tls 230 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 8. b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 128 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.50 s.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 80 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $13 40 b.
H. K. Lands, $73 b.
S'hai Lands Tls. 245 b.
Humphreys, $14 n.
Realties, $8 80 s.
Chinese Estates $98 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramway $21.37 sa.
Peak Trams (old) $11 65 sa
Star Ferries, $72 n.
China Lights, (Old) $24 b.
H. K. Electrics, $72½ b.
Macao Electrics, $23 b.
Telephones $13¼ b.
China Buses, Tls. 19. b.
Singapore Tractions, 10/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, $27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10 n.
Canton Ices, $2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) $16.20 b.
Ropes $7.15 b.
United Asbestos $5 b.

CINEMA NOTES.

BIG MOVIETONE TALKIE TO-MORROW.

Long awaited but well worth the waiting for, "The Cock Eyed World", Raoul Walsh's masterful Fox Movietone effort, has come to town and is to open at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

Since the advent of talking pictures, no production has come to this city with such glorious acclaim from all parts of the country as this achievement of Movietone, which, by the way, is an all-talking picture. Raoul on a story by Laurence Stallings and Maxwell Anderson, who co-authored the memorable "What Price Glory", it featured Victor McLaglen, Edmund Lowe and Lily Damita—Lowe and McLaglen again the fighting marines but now, in times of peace, confining their chief battles to passages at arms over their various lady loves.

The trend of the story takes the marines to Russia, to the tropics and to New York and Coney Island. Lily Damita, more fascinating than ever, is their girl of the tropics, Lelia Karnelly their Russian girl and Jean Bary their New York girl.

Quelling an uprising in the tropics is their only opportunity to do the battling the marines are noted for, and Walsh has, even in this comparatively minor engagement, eclipsed for drama, force and thrills any battle of "What Price Glory."

"The Cock Eyed World" has every ingredient that makes for real pastime, humour, sparkling dialogue, hectic love scenes, tense drama and a happy combination of all those things that appeal, from the screen, especially to the feminine sex.

The supporting cast is excellent, with El Brendel, fromer star of musical comedy and vaudeville, reaping plenty of honours with his incomparable portrayal of a Swede Marine, "Olson". Joe Brown and Bobby Burns also have important roles.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, $23. b.
Watsons, $10.80 n.
Der A. Wings, '86 b.
Lane Crawfords, $2.50 b.
Mackintoshs, $18 b.
Sinceres. $12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $29¼ b.
Constructions, $1.20 sa.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% s.
H. K. G. Loan 7% Prem. n.

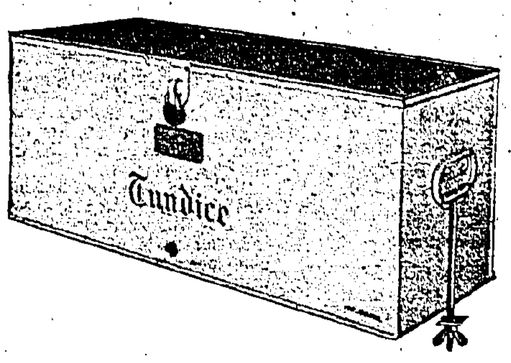
POST OFFICE NOTICE

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
Fort Bayard	Wing Lee	Sat., Apr. 5, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Shun Chih	Sat., Apr. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Germany via Ports and Hamburg	Trier	Sat., Apr. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Khyber	Sat., Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. van Buren	Sat., Apr. 5, 5 p.m.
Foochow	Liangchow	Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Apr. 6, 9 a.m.
Cebu	Neleus	Mon., Apr. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Madras Maru	Mon., Apr. 7,
	Registration	4.45 p.m.
	Letters	5.30 p.m.
	(Due Brisbane 24th April).	
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Apr. 7, 4.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Central and *South America, *Canada, and *Europe via San Francisco	President Jefferson	Mon., Apr. 7,
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 30th April).	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Jefferson	Mon., Apr. 7,
	Registration	5 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
Amoy	Namsang	Mon., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
*Swatow and Foochow	Chip Shing	Mon., Apr. 7, 5 p.m.
Hoihow	King Yuan	Tues., Apr. 8, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Apr. 8, 1 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin	Tues., Apr. 8, 1 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Athos II	Tues., Apr. 8.
	K.P.O.	
	Registration	1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 9th May.)	
Swatow	Hangsang	Tues., Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Empress of Russia	Wed., Apr. 9,
	Parcels	Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 9, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 9, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C. 26th April).	
Amoy	Tai Yuan	Wed., Apr. 9, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kanchow	Thurs., Apr. 10, 9.30 a.m.
Foochow and Weihaiwei	Huichow	Fri., Apr. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang	Fri., Apr. 11, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	Sat., Apr. 12.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	Apr. 11, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 12, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 12, 10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	Apr. 11, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Apr. 12, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 12, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 8th May).	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco	Tatsuta Maru	Mon., Apr. 14, 8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 8th May).	
Shanghai	Suwa Maru	Mon., Apr. 14, 10.30 a.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence only.



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"As members of the legal profession, and I say this without any flattery whatsoever, we shall look back to the best Chief Justice we have ever had or are ever likely to have," said the Hon. Attorney General, Sir Joseph Kemp, in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, in making a presentation to Sir Henry Gollan, on the occasion of his retirement, on behalf of both branches of the legal profession in Hongkong. The truth of his remark was testfied to by the large number of solicitors and barristers who attended the presentation and bade farewell to his Lordship.

His Lordship was presented with a beautiful silver salver, inscribed with the following words: "Presented to Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, C.B.E., K.C., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Hongkong, on his retirement, by members of the legal profession, Hongkong. April 4, 1930."

Public Work.

In making the presentation, the Hon. Attorney General said:—I have been asked to make this presentation on behalf of both branches of the legal profession practising in this Colony. You are leaving us, but we shall remember you in many ways. As members of the community we much appreciate the manner in which you have undertaken public tasks quite beyond the duties of your office. In particular we think of your services to the University of Hongkong, an institution which I think is full of great possibilities, and which ought to be helped and fostered by everyone in the Colony. You have set us a striking example.

As members of the legal profession, and I say this without any flattery whatsoever, we shall look back to the best Chief Justice we have ever had or are ever likely to have.—(Applause). As those who have been honoured with your friendship, we shall miss your charming conversation, your wit, your humour, your great interest in everything, and your unfailing courtesy.

In asking you to accept this memento of your life and services here, we wish you a long and happy life.—(Applause).

Sir Henry's Reply.

In reply his Lordship said,—Mr. Attorney and gentlemen, you have made me very proud to-day. There are many and various reasons for feeling flattered, but none quite so compelling as an appreciation of one's fellow workmen.

I first of all became a law officer of the Crown in 1900 and a judge in 1901, and during 30 years I have been engaged in different Colonies in the administration of the law, sometimes in somewhat primitive conditions. I have held my Court under a gigantic silk cotton tree and dispensed what, I hope, was true patriarchal justice.

In Northern Nigeria, even up to the time when I left the Protectorate, there were no practising members of the legal profession there, but I had a very clever clerk from Sierra Leone, who applied to me for admission as a practitioner. He was so clever that I could not help wondering why he had left his native country and so I made enquiries into his past. I found that he had made a slight mistake as to the legal title of some property and that an unsympathetic magistrate had given him six months.—(Laughter). But he remained my clerk. He was good at work, he could not be easily replaced, and in primitive conditions one adopts a benevolent if somewhat primitive attitude towards human action.

Good Feeling.

Since 1904 I have been working with my fellow members of the legal profession and I am proud to say that my experience supports the time-honoured tradition of good feeling within our profession. I attach the highest importance to this state of feeling because I believe that it profoundly affects the proper administration of justice. I believe that one of the causes of that state of feeling is that a judge usually goes through the ordinary traditional mill and knows from first-hand knowledge the difficulties that attend practising in the Colony.

I acknowledge, and I accept with very deep gratitude, the kindliness which has brought you all here to-day and the handsome present which you have made to me. I am taking away from Hongkong a very goodly store of memories and not the least gratifying recollection will be the good fellowship which I have always found amongst you. Mr. Attorney and gentlemen, I wish you goodbye and good luck. Thank you, gentlemen.—(Applause).

Staff Presentation.

Shortly afterwards, members of the Supreme Court staff gathered in his Lordship's chambers where Mr. R. W. H. Maynard, clerk to the Chief Justice, presented his Lordship with a silver salver on behalf of the staff. The salver, which was ornamented with Chinese dragons, was inscribed as follows: "Presented to Sir Henry Gollan, Kt., C.B.E., LL.D., by the staff of the Supreme Court, on the occasion of his retirement from Hongkong, on 9th. April, 1930."

In making the presentation, Mr. Maynard said:—My Lord, on behalf of the staff of the Supreme Court I hope that you will accept this inscribed silver salver.

You have been with us as Chief Justice for nearly six years and during that time you have always treated the staff in a gentlemanly manner, and although Your Lordship is now proceeding on leave prior to well-earned retirement, I am sure I am correct in saying we are all sorry that you are leaving us. Hence this small token of the great respect and high esteem in which you are held by us all.

We wish you *bon voyage* and hope you will live to enjoy the reward for your long service for many years to come.—(Applause).

PRIZE GIVING.

THE YET CHUNG ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

The annual prize distribution of the Yet Chung Anglo-Chinese school took place on Thursday evening, in the school premises, Stone Nullah Lane.

The chief guest of the evening was Mr. Lau Yuk-wan, a prominent local merchant, who distributed the awards. There was a large attendance, those present numbering over 300.

The scholars gave a most successful concert, a programme of ten items being carried out.

Headmaster's Report.

The report of the Headmaster (Mr. K. T. Leung) stated:

The school year under review, extending from January to December, 1929, was one of organization, extension and development.

Attendance.—The School started its year in January with 41 boys on the roll. The following months witnessed an increase in the number of boys. The maximum enrolment during the year was 156 including 50 vernacular students in the Free School. The number of school days for the year was 253.

Discipline.—The discipline of the school has been maintained at as high a level of excellence as possible. There has been the organization of working committee among the boys in each class. This body consists of the Monitor, the Librarian, the Sports Captain, Vice Captain, the credit and error Recorders. The school prefects have also rendered valuable service to the school.

Health.—The health of the school was satisfactory. The organization of the "First Aid Corps" was of great value to the school.

Athletics.—Games were very popular among the boys, especially football and ping pong. Inter-class matches and friendly matches with other schools were arranged under the direction of our interested masters. The Inter-class Ping Pong Champion was class 7; while the Inter-class Football Challenge Cup was won by class 6. Drill was a lesson on the time-table in winter.

Activities.—I delivered two educational lectures on Physiology on March 29th and 30th in the school. The Magic lantern served well during the evening social gatherings. We had two excursions in the form of educational walks—one to Tai Tam Tuk towards the end of the Spring Term, and one to the Peak on the last day of the Summer Term. We went for a swimming picnic to Repulse Bay on the 26th June and to Cheung Chow on the 9th August. The Double Ten Celebration on the Chinese National Day was held in the school with great success. On the same day we went for a Train Picnic to Shum Chun in the afternoon, and a good number of boys took their dinner inside the school in the evening.

Successful Exams.

Examinations. — Examinations were held prior to the Tsing Ming Holidays, the Summer Vacation and the end of the year. In the Final Examination, 55 boys in class 8 were examined and 54 qualified for promotion; 17 out of 19 in class 7 were promoted; and in class 6, 12 were examined and all passed.

Free School.—Due to the generosity of our patron, Mr. Woo Hay Tong, our free vernacular classes were opened under the title of Keng Ham Free School on the 26th February, when 41 boys were admitted out of 72 boys examined. The number very soon reached 50—the maximum accommodation for free vernacular students.

Night School.—The night school commenced on May 7th and continued until the end of the year.

Finance.—As regards the financial standing of the school, a deficit of $550.46 was shown in the Annual Balance of the School Accounts, but the position was subsequently remedied through the generosity of the school committee who had patronized the school by offering over $600 to cover the loss and maintain its position.

Conclusion.—I take the opportunity of thanking our patrons and donors for their great assistance to the school. I wish also to thank all members of the staff for their unfailing support and for their excellent work in carrying out the various schemes laid by the committee of the school.

ARMED ROBBERY AT NAMTAO.

EXTRADITION SOUGHT BY CANTON.

Extradition proceedings were commenced at the Central Police Court, before Mr. Lindsell, yesterday afternoon, for the surrender to the Kwangtung authorities of a Chinese alleged to have been concerned in an armed robbery at Sheung Chung Ha Village, Namtao, in the district of Po On.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appeared for the Crown, and the fugitive was represented by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall.

In outlining the facts of the case, the Public Prosecutor said that at about 1 o'clock in the early morning of March 7, certain people broke into No. 47 Sheung Chung Ha village, Namtao, Po On, Kwangtung province, and there tied up certain people who would be brought before His Worship. After a variety of things had happened, a small lamp which was burning in the place at the time was blown out, and the people moved about the house using electric torches. They had found it impossible to identify any person actually, as nobody saw them well enough. But the evidence regarding the fugitive in the dock was that on the 8th, which was the day following the affair, he came to Hongkong by boat which left Namtao about 9 a.m., a few hours after the robbery had taken place. The boat arrived about 11.30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. the same day he was arrested, and in his possession were found pieces of jewellery identified as part of the stolen property. They had evidence of possession within a few hours of the robbery, and that, 12 hours later, the fugitive was found in Hongkong with certain of the stolen property, whilst he also had come by boat from the town adjacent to the scene of the attack.

Mr. Lindsell:—How will that be proved?

Mr. Fitzroy:—We know that no other boat came from that village and arrived here at 11.30 a.m. and the fugitive was on board that boat.

Mr. Fitzroy said he would ask His Worship, if he was satisfied that there was sufficient evidence of recent possession in the fact that the man was on board the boat which left soon after the robbery, and that a *prima facie* case had been made out, to commit the accused to prison to await the Governor's Order for his surrender.

Door Broken Down.

Two women were stated to be living in the house in question when the robbers entered, these being Yip Ho-mui, and her daughter-in-law, Leung Chik-mui. The former stated that she was in bed when the door was broken in to reveal a number of men, one of whom was armed with a revolver and another, a dagger. They pressed her head down, and while robbing her of the trinkets she was wearing also stole from a trunk, and from a chest other pieces of jewellery and also some money. She identified some of the exhibits in Court as part of the stolen property.

Cross-examined by Mr. Rendall, witness said she knew a man named Tseng Ngok-ting as being of the gentry of the district, but had never heard that he disappeared suddenly from his native place after a quarrel with other villagers.

Mr. Rendall explained to the Magistrate that, according to his instructions, Tseng Ngok-ting came into the case in this way, that he went to the fugitive's house in the village and took away a photograph which proved to be the means of securing the fugitive's arrest in Hongkong. There had been a quarrel and consequent grudge over money matters between Tseng and certain other villagers, of whom the fugitive was one.

Leung Chik-mui, daughter-in-law of the previous witness, also gave evidence concerning the robbery. She said that as the robbers made to use a chopper to cut the bangles away from her wrists, her mother-in-law, horrified interceded and beseeched them not to harm her. The men assured her that they would "do it slowly" and would be very careful over it.

Tseng Fo-kwai, a *foki* employed at a fishmonger's stall at the Central Market, identified the fugitive as a man who lived in a village next to his, and whom he had known from childhood.

Witness stated that on March 8, he was present at the Namtao ferry pier when the prisoner came ashore and was arrested.

Before the case was adjourned, until Thursday afternoon, Mr. Fitzroy told the Magistrate that the arrest of the fugitive was not a haphazard matter, but was the result of definite information received here which led the police to maintain a watch on all the wharves in the hope of recovering the property taken away in the robbery.

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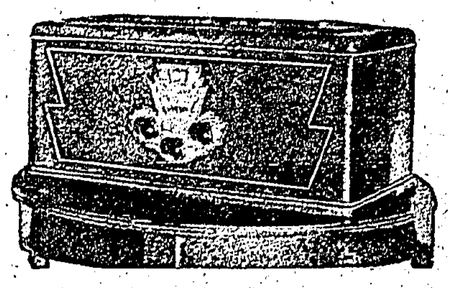

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NEW GOVERNOR.

A PUBLIC WELCOME ARRANGED.

Plans for a public reception to Hongkong's new Governor, Sir William Peel, K.B.E., due to arrive on May 7, were approved at a public meeting held at the City Hall yesterday.

Sir Henry Pollock presided, and was supported by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso.

In opening the meeting, the chairman said that H. E. Sir William Peel, K.B.E., would be arriving in the Colony on Wednesday, May 7, for the purpose of assuming the Governorship of the Colony and His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, had appointed the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council as the nucleus of a Public Reception Committee. The meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing the matter.

Sir Henry went on to say the general idea was that Sir William Peel should be received at Queen's Pier by His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, representatives of the Services, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and the heads of department. Afterwards he would proceed to the City Hall, or some other convenient place, where he would be welcomed by a Public Reception Committee and receive a public address. He would then go to the Council Chamber where he would be sworn in in the presence of members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and any members of the public who cared to attend.

He went on to say it had been suggested that the Reception Committee should consist of twenty-four in addition to the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, made up of twelve Chinese, seven British, three Portuguese and two Indians, and that those men should be elected at a public meeting. The committee could appoint two executive sub-committees, one to deal with the Address of Welcome and the other to make arrangements for the reception.

In conclusion, Sir Henry dealt with the matter of costs, saying there were two courses open. One was to get certain people to guarantee the money and the other was a financial vote in the Legislative Council. The cost would be about $1,000.

A proposition by the chairman, seconded by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, that 24 members be elected to the Reception Committee to act in conjunction with the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council, consisting of 12 Chinese, 7 British, 3 Portuguese and 2 Indians was carried.

Chinese Members.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow proposed the following twelve Chinese to act in conjunction with the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council on the Reception Committee. Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., LL.D., Messrs. Li Yau-cheun, C.B.E., Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., Fung Ping-shan, Lo Cheung-shiu, T. N. Chau, Wong Kwong-tin, M. K. Lo, Wong Kam-fuk, Li Yik-nui, Leung Pat-yu, and Tam Woon-tong.

This was seconded by the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso and was carried.

The chairman proposed the following British representatives. Dr. Black, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. P. Lauder, Mr. C. G. Mackie and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw.

Mr. J. M. H. Osborne seconded and the resolution was carried.

On the proposition of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, seconded by Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. M. de Castro Basto, Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto and Mr. C. A. da Roza were elected as the Portuguese representatives.

Mr. A. el Arculli and Mr. M. P. Talati were elected as the Indian representatives, on the proposition of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Mody.

Theatre Royal Gathering.

In moving a resolution that an address on behalf of the whole community be presented in the Theatre Royal at the City Hall, the chairman said that the theatre and stage would accommodate something like 700 people while other rooms would hold only 250 or 300 people. It might be suggested that the event should take place on the cricket ground but they could not rely on the weather at that time of the year.

Sir Robert Ho Tung seconded and the motion was carried.

The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow proposed that the address to Sir William Peel be read by the senior British Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

The Hon. Dr. Tso seconded and the motion was approved.

(The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will become the Senior British Unofficial member after Saturday next, on which day Sir Henry Pollock is leaving for a holiday).

The following resolutions were carried. Proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. T. N. Chau, that the Reception Committee appoint from their number, two executive sub-committees, one to draw up the address of welcome and the other to make arrangements at the Theatre Royal.

Sub-Committees.

The chairman proposed and Mr. J. T. Dobbie seconded the following Address Sub-Committee. The Hon. Mr. Shenton, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. Talati.

The chairman proposed and Sir Robert Ho Tung seconded the following be appointed to the sub-committee to make arrangements for the reception. The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Mr. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

The chairman proposed and the Hon. Mr. Shenton seconded that the whole of the theatre be thrown open to the public with the exception of (a) that the stage be reserved for the Reception Committee, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, representatives of the Navy, Army and Air Force, and the heads of public departments; (b) that the first two rows of stalls be reserved for the Consular Body and their wives, and (c) that the first two rows of the dress circle be reserved for ladies.

Vote for Funds.

The last item to be discussed was the question of cost. The chairman said he should mention in regard to a vote in the Legislative Council, that the Government was quite prepared, if the course was decided upon, for a vote to be taken in the Council. That, of course, did not in any way bind the meeting.

Mr. M. K. Lo said that he considered a welcome to a new Governor to be a public duty and he thought the money should come out of public funds. He proposed that a vote in the Legislative Council should be moved.

In seconding the proposition, the chairman said he quite agreed with Mr. Lo.

The resolution was carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

OIL EXPLOITATION IN THE EAST.

JAVA COMPANY'S VENTURE IN NEW GUINEA.

Sourabaya, Apr. 4.

The Netherlands Colonial Petroleum Company is sending out an expedition on April 17, in which two geologists will be participating, to conduct explorations in New Guinea, expected to last fourteen months.

The exploitation of the Colonial Petroleum Company's new concessions at Sangkoel Irang Bay and Koetei, in Borneo, will start in June, 1931.

The Japanese Borneo Oil Company is preparing to exploit concessions at Koetei, for which large shipments of boring material and pipelines are being despatched at the end of April by several Dutch steamship lines.—*Reuter.*

OBITUARY.

THE EMPRESS OF ABYSSINIA.

Addis Ababa, Apr. 4.

The death is announced of Zauditu "Empress of Abyssinia and Queen of the Kings of Ethiopia." The Regent, Ras Tafari, now occupies the Palace with his own troops, and up to the present the country is quiet.—*Reuter.*

[Waizeru Zauditu (Judith) Empress of Abyssinia was born in 1876, and was a daughter of the Emperor Menelik by an earlier marriage. In 1883 he married the Empress Taitu and on his death in December, 1913 she secured the accession of Menelik's grandson Lij Jeassu, whose subjects rose against him because of his leanings towards Islam in 1916 when the Dowager-Empress was compelled to consent to the proclamation of the Princess Zauditu as Empress. She was crowned on February 11, 1917. Zauditu being unmarried, Menelik's grandnephew Ras Tafari, the son of Ras Makonnen, was proclaimed heir-apparent.

Till the death of Taitu in 1918 Zauditu was completely under the influence of the aged dowager, who used all powers in favour of the conservative and anti-Western elements of which Taitu was a known adherent, and even after the latter's death she continued to be the champion of reaction. The influence of Tafari and his friends and the growing menace of external intervention, if Abyssinia's house were not put in order, gradually drove her to abandon her opposition and even to sanction the entry of Abyssinia into the League of Nations. Since then she had been consistently identified with the cause of sane and gradual progress in modernisation.

Little is known of her personal life. Brought up in the privacy of the palace, she at first maintained herself in complete retirement, emerging only for state purposes. But latterly, she had shared in such social amenities as the Abyssinian capital has to offer. Her presence in the royal stand at the race meeting in 1920, despite her elaborate veiling, was an event whose significance none could fail to mark. Those who knew her described her as a simple and remarkably intelligent woman, who liked to be her natural self, but who could, when necessary, think and act like the empress of the oldest empire in the world today.]

TWO ALARMING EXPLOSIONS.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED IN U.S.

New York, Apr. 4.

Two big centres were startled by a series of explosions yesterday.

At least ten persons were killed and a score injured in a Pennsylvania firework factory, near Philadelphia, starting with a terrific detonation and followed at intervals by minor explosions resembling machine-guns.

Bodies have been recovered which are unrecognisably charred.

New York Experience.

An even more spectacular upheaval befel the Lower Broadway region of New York at mid-day.

Brief subterranean rumblings were followed by terrific bangs. Tongues of flame shot from manholes, the covers of which were blown skyward like confetti. Pedestrians scuttled before showers of gravel and paving stones. Windows in buildings were shattered, and the streets were filled with choking gas.

The neighbourhood was evacuated, except by police, who worked with gas masks. At least a dozen people were injured.

The explosions are attributed to the ignition of accumulations of gasoline vapour.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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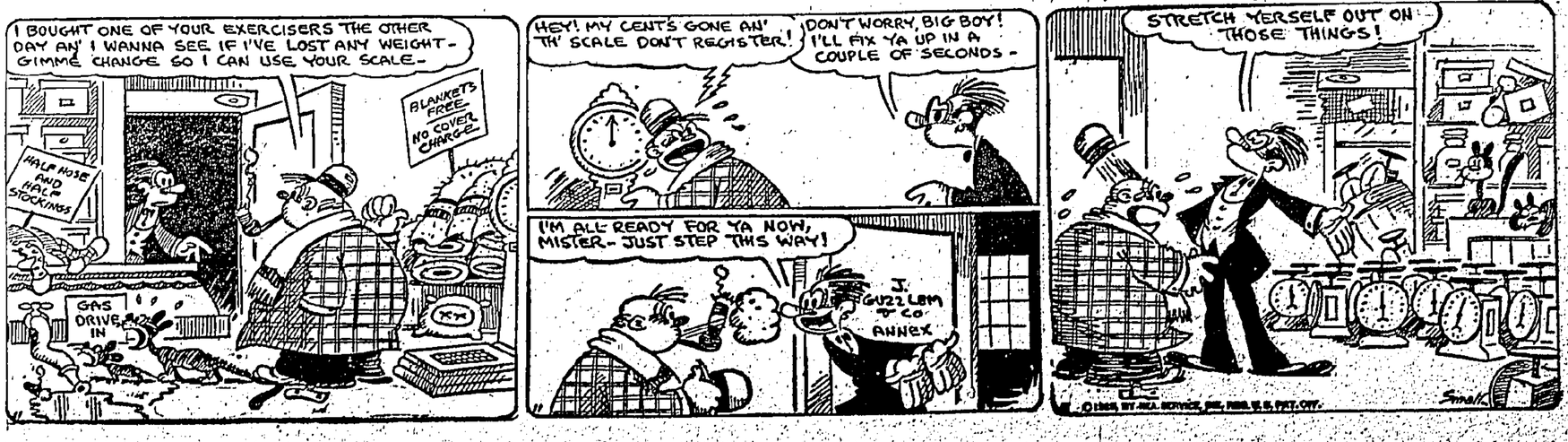

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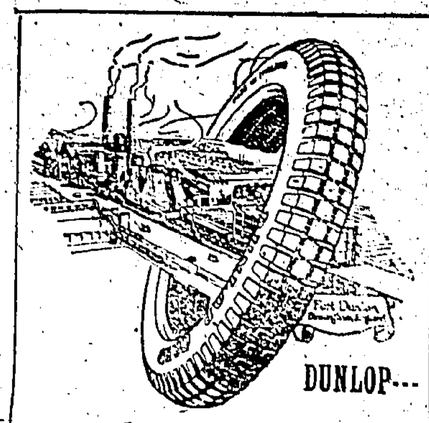

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HOTEL COMPANY'S BUSES.

CONCILIATORY POLICY TO TRAMWAYS.

PROPOSED PAVILION AT REPULSE BAY: CHEAP TRANSPORT.

COMPANY'S STABILITY.

Presiding at the annual meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. this morning, Mr. J. Scott Harston made reference to the possibility of affiliation of the transport services of the Company and the Tramway Company. He said the policy of the Board was one of conciliation to the Tramway Co. since it was probable (provided some mutually beneficial arrangement could be entered into), that affiliation of the services would be to the benefit of both companies and to the community.

He assured shareholders, however, that the Board was not prepared to hand over this portion of the Company's activities without adequate compensation.

It was further intimated that the Company's bus services had carried approximately five and a half million passengers during the year. Mr. Harston also stated that there was under consideration an argumented bus service to Repulse Bay beach during the coming summer and the establishment of a pavilion offering dressing room and refreshment facilities at rates within the scope of those of moderate means.

The Chairman also dealt at length with the financial position of the Company and explained that as there was no large programme of extension in view, the Company should be able to effect further material reductions in its overdraft from time to time.

PENINSULA HOTEL BIG ASSET.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said: Gentlemen. The report of your Directors and statement of counts for the financial year ended 31st. December, 1929, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure, and take them as read. The Auditors' Report is as follows: "We have audited the above Account and Balance Sheet with the books and documents of the Head Office and the Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Shanghai Branch rendered by Messrs. Thomson & Co., as Accountants to the Company in Shanghai, certified by them as correct. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.—Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, Auditors, Hongkong, 20th March, 1930."

You will observe from a perusal of the credit side of the Profit and Loss Account for the year 1929 that the balance of the Working Account amounted to $1,358,969.16 as against $1,113,867.15 for the preceding year—being an increase of $245,102.01, which I think may under the circumstances be regarded as satisfactory—especially as this result has been obtained in spite of the adverse summer season experienced at our Hongkong establishments, due principally to the unfortunate water shortage in the Colony during the summer of 1929, which led to conditions detrimental to successful hotel operation, particularly in relation to transient patronage.

Sources of Revenue.

The additional revenue responsible for the increase of the Working Account balance has been derived from the Peninsula Hotel, our Shanghai establishments and from the augmented bus services brought into full operation by our Garage Department during the period under review.

You will observe that the working profit for the year has been augmented by the sum of $389,165.23 in respect of the profit on the sale of the property occupied by the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, a subject to which I propose to make further reference later.

You will also notice an increase over the figures for the previous financial year in the item of income "Rentals of Shops and Offices," in which connexion the tenancies granted at the Peninsula Hotel are in the main responsible.

Bank Interest.

Turning to the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account, you will notice that considerable increase is shown over the previous year's figures in the main item under the heading "Bank Interest." During the construction of the Peninsula Hotel the interest accruing on the monies expended in respect thereof was debited to Capital Account, but on the bringing into operation of that establishment, this capitalisation of interest necessarily ceased, and consequently revenue for the period under review has borne the full charge in respect of all the interest paid by the Company in relation to its overdraft facilities with its bankers.

The various other items constituting the debit side of Profit and Loss account do not appear to call for further explanation on my part; I deem it necessary, however, to draw your attention to the two items (to be read in conjunction with one another) "Maintenance and Repairs Account" amounting to $141,386.29 and "Depreciation" amounting to $320,788.59, making a total of $462,174.88 chargeable against "Working" in respect of Maintenance and Repair and Depreciation of your Company's properties and equipment. In this connexion I may add that not only have your Company's properties, together with their contents and equipment, been well maintained, but in addition the depreciation provided for in respect of these assets is such as to more than fulfil the adequacy demanded by the nature thereof.

Majestic Hotel Sale.

Coming to the assets side of the balance sheet, you will see that under the respective headings "Land and Buildings," and "Furniture and Fixtures, etc.," there is a material decrease compared with the previous year, which is accounted for by the disposal of the Majestic Hotel Shanghai, and its contents.

The increase in the item "Stocks and Stores" is mainly accounted for by the Garage Department having perforce to carry heavier stocks of equipment and spare parts in connexion with its augmented automotive transport vehicles. The only other item on the assets side

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HOPE ABANDONED IN LONDON.

A FIVE POWER PACT VERY UNLIKELY.

AMERICANS TO LEAVE ON APRIL 22.

BUT TALKS CONTINUE.

London, Apr. 4.

The recent optimism with regard to the Naval Conference was distinctly diminished today when it was stated that while the prospects of a Three Power Pact are most favourable, the prospects of a Five Power Pact are certainly not too bright.

The only hopeful sign at present is that M. Briand, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald are lunching together today for the purpose of discussing the French formula.

A British official spokesman pointed out that this fact disposed of the Paris reports that Britain had rejected the formula.

It is declared that the sensational stories in the Press as regards Signor Grandi's statement to Mr. Henderson have been greatly exaggerated.—*Reuter.*

Americans Going Home.

London, Apr. 4.

It is understood in American Naval delegation circles that hope of reaching an agreement on a Five Power basis has been virtually abandoned.

The delegation has booked passages for America for April 22.

It is thought that the outcome of the Conference will be an effective Three Power agreement between Britain, America and Japan and an agreement on minor points between all the Five Powers, Britain, America, Japan, France and Italy.—*Reuter.*

London Apr. 4.

It is learned from an Italian delegation source that Signor Grandi, in his recent conversations, emphasised that the chief questions for the Conference are on Naval disarmament and are not political.

Signor Grandi has now been away from Rome for eleven weeks and there is an accumulation of work awaiting him there. The Italians, however, have no intention of precipitating matters and have made no travelling arrangements.

A question regarding the Franco-Italian side of the Conference elicited the reply "It is no longer a question of Italy's claim for parity but of France's claim for superiority."—*Reuter.*

Meetings Continue.

London, Apr 4

The delegates to the Naval Conference and their expert advisers again spent several hours to-day in the search for a formula setting out the agreed interpretation of certain articles of the League Covenant. Although their efforts have not yet been successful, the task has not been abandoned and hopes are still entertained that a formula may be found which will so increase France's sense of security as to enable her to make an appreciable reduction in her naval tonnage requirements without explicitly or implicitly extending the obligations to which Britain is committed under the League Convenant and the Locarno Treaty.

The Prime Minister, Mr. MacDonald, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, accompanied by Sir Robert Vansittart and others, met the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand, at luncheon and had a discussion on the subject which lasted till after four o'clock.

The discussion will be resumed at St. James's Palace to-morrow morning.

Japanese Reply.

Meanwhile the principal Naval experts of the United States, Britain, and Japan spent a great part of the day examining the reservations attached to the Japanese Government's reply to the compromise tonnage proposals addressed to Tokyo. Good progress was made.

The submarine experts met this afternoon on the subject of the proposals for the humanising of submarine warfare and limiting the size of submarines. It is expected that a report of these experts will be forthcoming in the course of the next few days.—*British Wireless.*

CANNING CHINESE FOODS.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR THE CROWN COLONIES.

FAR EAST EFFECT.

London, Apr. 4.

Plans are on foot to form an Empire Canning Council to stimulate the erection of local canning factories, particularly in India and the Crown Colonies.

The Council consists of unofficial representatives of India and all the Crown Colonies, but it is understood that the Governments are co-operating informally.

The object of the Council is to assist the canning industry by giving advice and technical help. It will first survey the situation and will then ascertain the nature of the help required.

It is anticipated that there will be a large field in the Far East where canned goods, mostly from America, are suited for the European population.

One of the proposals of the Council is to apply canning machinery to the foods of other peoples and thereby tap the large market among the Chinese distributed in the Pacific.

A questionairre has already been sent out to all parts of the world and the further operations of the Council will be guided by the answers which are received to this.—*Reuter.*

FLOWER-SELLERS AGAIN MOVING.

New Pitch Not Good For Business.

D'AIGULAR ST. SITE.

To flower-sellers who were recently moved from On Lan Street from the foot of Wyndham Street, where they had plied their business for over 50 years, are again to shift their pitch.

Business at On Lan Street has been very bad, and we learn that a new site has been decided on, as a further experiment, this being at the junction of D'Aguilar and Wellington Street.

The spot which the flower vendors will occupy has for some time been utilised by a number of fruit and vegetable stalls, but these are being shifted further up the street. The change-over will be made to-morrow night.

POLICE FIRE ON INDIAN MOB.

EUROPEAN AMONG TWENTY CASUALTIES.

RIOT AT A STATION.

Bombay, Apr. 4.

Thirty persons were injured and had to be sent to hospital when the police were forced to fire on a crowd of disorderly railway strikers outside the Victoria terminus of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway.

The injured people include a European police Sergeant and a European man and a woman.

Two thousand strikers succeeded in forcing an entrance into the station and then demanded to be taken to Byculla.

The railway officials refused to grant the demand and the mob, by this time incensed, made a noisy demonstration, tearing down posters and harassing passengers and passers-by.

The police were summoned and when they arrived they were pelted by the mob with stones. Finally, the police were forced to fire and the mob then retreated.

The police are still guarding the railway station.—*Reuter.*

BANDIT OUTRAGE DESCRIBED.

MISSIONARY KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

ATTACKERS BELIEVED TO BE INEXPERIENCED.

MR. CULLEN'S STORY.

Tientsin, Apr. 4.

Mr. A. P. Cullen, secretary of the London Missionary Society's Anglo-Chinese College at Tientsin, arrived here this afternoon with the body of Mr. Eric Scarlett, treasurer of the College, who was killed by bandits on Wednesday.

Mr. Cullen detailed the outrage in an interview, when he said that they arrived at Peitaiho Junction about five o'clock on Wednesday evening and were proceeding on donkeys towards the beach.

It was still broad-daylight at 5.30 when they were roughly eight *li* from the Junction and were confronted by three Chinese in civilian clothes who suddenly produced pistols and covered the foreigners.

Heard a Shot.

The leader held up Mr. Cullen, who was riding ahead, while the remaining two attended to Mr. Scarlett. The bandits then demanded the foreigner's money and valuables and while Mr. Cullen was complying he heard a shot behind him.

Looking back he saw Mr. Scarlett fall from his donkey. The murderers then rushed up, urging their leader to be quick, and after searching the foreigner's suitcases the three men hastily decamped.

Mr. Cullen rushed to the spot where Mr. Scarlett was lying and found that life was almost extinct.

Died Soon Afterwards.

The bullet had entered two inches above the heart and Mr. Scarlet died five minutes' later. Mr. Cullen hastily summoned assistance from the nearest village and a litter was procured and the body taken to Peitaiho Police station.

The military authorities promises to give every assistance but do not appear very hopeful of finding the miscreants.

Mr. Cullen expressed the opinion that the bandits were inexperienced and shot the missionary, possibly by accident, as the miscreants appeared considerably flustered during the whole of the proceeding.

Planned Attack.

Later, the donkey boys were interrogated by the Police and confessed seeing the bandits loitering near the junction when the foreigners arrived. They believed that the bandits made a detour to intercept the missionaries on the road.

The affair has created intense interest in Tientsin where Mr. Scarlet was a respected member of the missionary body. Widespread sympathy will be felt for his bereaved wife and children.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIAN GOLD SHIPMENTS.

REMAINING SUPPLIES TO BE CONSERVED.

Melbourne, Apr. 4.

The announcement that the Commonwealth Bank has arranged to ship overseas a further £8,000,000 in gold, making £24,500,000 shipped since July 1 last year, has been followed by a statement by Sir Robert Gibson, Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank.

Sir Robert says that the further depletion of Australia's gold stocks after the shipments just announced is inadvisable, the remaining supplies being necessary to protect the note issue of the country which must face the position to produce more and spend less overseas.—*Reuter.*

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

A piping panegyric:—H.E. the O.A.G.—"I can assure you that even the pipes of Pan could produce no sweeter music in Hongkong's ears than the music of running water, in Mr. Henderson's pipes."

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You may rave about Handel,
Beethoven or Bach;
Of Verdi or Wagner or Brahms;
But they can't hold a candle,
To lighten the dark,
When compared with our new
music's charms.
You may even applaud the
"Songs Without Words"
Of that genius of tune
Mendelssohn.
But now you'll agree,
That even the birds,
Are outclassed by the great
Hen-der-ssohn!

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Harrassed Hongkongites will be interested to learn that poverty isn't a crime although the penalty is hard labour.

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There was evidence of a good head of Shing Mun water at last Monday's ceremony, but nothing of course in the neighbourhood of $3 per.

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A tragedy is what the Editor calls it when he receives a good bull which, however, is unfit for publication.

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Some people keep such open minds that good advice goes right through them.

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Modern girls may eventually make good mothers, but at present they seem to make poor fathers.

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Many a poet is alive to-day because he posted his effort instead of bringing it.

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It may be true, as the experts say, that there's too much silver coming into Hongkong, but the trouble is that very few people seem able to get hold of enough of it.

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There was an old man of
Nantucket
Who kept all his cash in a
bucket
His daughter, named Nan
Ran away with a man
And as for the bucket—Nantucket.

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To know a Scotsman intimately you only require to give him a drink twice.

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We can't yet call that motorist O. K. Don!

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There was an argument in Court this week as to whether a typhoon was an act of Good. The last one we experienced was an unholy terror.

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China has just given Britain the biggest order for postage stamps which she has never received. This should help us to stick together.

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Local newspaper heading:—"Reform of the Playing Fields Committee." As you were: re-form too deep.

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News item:—At last Thursday's meeting of the Sawdust Club (Sons of Scotia Chapter) a debate took place on the relative merits of white and khaki spats. By fourteen votes to nine it was decided to favour the retention of the latter, principally on the ground that they were less liable to disclose the effects of gunshot wounds on the ankle.

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The man who named his rum schooner Ada M. probably desired that she should remain anonymous.

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Latest China financial bulletin:—Yen shows a forward tendency, with a consequent depression in opposite lines.

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Reading of these recent chases by United States coastguards, the question arises, should a rum-runner run?

Speaking of Einstein's theory, it would be interesting to know is Tom Wright?

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Is our standard of living too high?
That's a question we all have to face.
If so, then we really must try
To slack off a bit in our pace.

As the dollar goes lower and lower,
We must cut out this wining and dining,
Though it may mean that life'll be slower
And set all our gay dogs a-repining.

It's best to do this by some system:
One "spot" less each point silver shrinks.
In time, you will find you've not missed 'em—
Those lovely, long thirst-quenching drinks.

So when there's no more talk of slumps,
Though your sal'ry no bigger may be,
You'll find your relief from the dumps
By knowing you're rated T.T.!

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We know of one Kowloon flapper who is so fond of her boy friend that she lives solely on his account.

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A local doctor says too much bridge induces insomnia. We suggest nap as a substitute.

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Lots of folk now live in Kowloon. This is in order that Hongkong may be made safe for the tourists.

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Talking of extravagant living in Hongkong, we heard it said the other day that motor-cars are ruining our young folk. That's nothing to what our young folk are doing to the motor-cars.

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China's latest loan is the third to be secured on the Cigarette Tax. It's becoming a regular fag to keep pace with this business.

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Hongkong has a fountain quite rare,
No other with it can compare:
About once in ten years,
Midst popular cheers,
It spurts water high up in the air!

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Newspaper heading:—"Pickpocket's Record." We gather that he is now facing the music.

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As a result of public utterances regarding the high standard of living, we understand that some of our taipans are thinking of giving up Wednesday golf.

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Now that summer is coming, the Colony won't lack open spaces—in women's dresses.

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A contemporary refers to a "mammoth mass meeting." This reminds us that the wee little whisky-water we had last night was somewhat on the small side.

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The driver of the taxi which fell into the harbour this week had the freight of his life.

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A Chinese woman was this week robbed of $11,000 worth of rings. Evidently the Golden Fleece.

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In the matter of British aviation, some people are unfortunate in airing their knowledge.

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These people who preach economy are apparently out against the higher system.

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America has gone further than finding new Polar territory. She has now discovered another planet.

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Our Erudite Novelists:—"I tell you, a lot of us breathed more easily when we heard he was killed in a brawl at Kowloon, that Portuguese gambling place over the river from Hongkong."—*From "Murder Island," by Wyndham Marion.* What about it, K.R.A.?

Street Vendor: Blimey! 'Ow did yer come to overstretch it like that?

Accordion Player: Why, I was tellin's a fishin' story and I forgot all about my bloomin' accordion.